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THE BOOK OF PSALMS.



It is not known by whom the Psalms were gathered into a single Book. The Inscriptions or Titles prefixed to many of the Psalms are generally supposed to have been added at different times by unknown persons ; they are of uncertain authority.

But while these unimportant matters are doubtful, the whole Book of Psalms rests upon the surest basis. Its place in the Sacred Canon has never been disputed ; and had we not the conviction which is wrought in every spiritual mind by the study of the Book itself, the reverent and abundant use made of the Psalms by the Lord Jesus and the Apostles, would suffice to prove them the work of the Holy Spirit.

The Psalms admit to a certain extent of classification under the heads of praise, adoration, contrition, thanksgiving, and experience ; but if they are viewed simply as the utterances of the devotional feelings of the respective writers, their principal characteristic will be lost sight of.

They must always be considered as the writings of men who were Prophets, who spoke more or less of Christ, and the coming glory of His kingdom.

The Psalms are, indeed, a storehouse of the experience of God's people: they exhibit the state of the children of God under the most varied circumstances of sorrow and joy, of adoration and repentance, depression and triumph; yet it must ever be borne in mind that this sorrow may foreshadow Messiah's grief, and the joy the anticipations of Christ; that the contrition may be the mysterious utterance of Him who bore our sins in His own body; and that the triumphant strains of the prophet belong in their fulness to the time of the setting up of the King upon the holy hill of Zion.

PSALMS.

PSALM I.

BLESSED *is* the man that walketh not in the counsel of the *ungodly, nor standeth in the way of Or, wicked. sinners, nor sitteth in the seat of the scornful: ²but his delight *is* in the law of the LORD; and in his law doth he meditate day and night. ³And he shall be like a tree planted by the rivers of water, that bringeth forth his fruit in his season; his leaf also shall not *wither; and whatsoever he doeth shall prosper. Heb. fide.

⁴The ungodly *are* not so: but *are* like the chaff which the wind driveth away. ⁵Therefore the ungodly shall not stand in the judgment, nor sinners in the congregation of the righteous.

⁶For the LORD knoweth the way of the righteous: but the way of the ungodly shall perish.

II. WHY do the heathen *rage, and the Or, tumultuously assemble. people *imagine a vain thing? ²The kings of Heb. meditate. the earth set themselves, and the rulers take counsel together against the LORD, and against his anointed, *saying*, ³Let us break their bands asunder, and cast away their cords from us.

⁴He that sitteth in the heavens shall laugh; the

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LORD shall have them in derision. ⁵ Then shall he speak unto them in his wrath, and ^{*}vex them *Or, trouble.* in his sore displeasure.

⁶ Yet have I ^{*}set my king ^{*}upon my *Heb. anointed. Heb. upon Zion, the hill of my holiness.* holy hill of Zion.

⁷ I will declare ^{*}the decree: the LORD hath *Or, for a decree.* said unto me, Thou *art* my Son; this day have I begotten thee. ⁸ Ask of me, and I will give *thee* the heathen *for* thine inheritance, and the uttermost parts of the earth *for* thy possession. ⁹ Thou shalt break them with a rod of iron; thou shalt dash them in pieces like a potter's vessel.

¹⁰ Be wise now, therefore, O ye kings: be instructed, ye judges of the earth. ¹¹ Serve the LORD with fear, and rejoice with trembling. ¹² Kiss the Son, lest he be angry, and ye perish *from* the way, when his wrath is kindled but a little. Blessed *are* all they that put their trust in him.

III. A Psalm of David, when he fled from Absalom his son.

LORD, how are they increased that trouble me! many *are* they that rise up against me. ² Many *there be* which say of my soul, *There is* no help for him in God. Selah.

³ But thou, O LORD, *art* a shield ^{*}for me; my *Or, about.* glory, and the lifter up of mine head.

⁴ I cried unto the LORD with my voice, and he heard me out of his holy hill. Selah. ⁵ I laid me down and slept; I awaked: for the LORD sustained me. ⁶ I will not be afraid of ten thousands of people, that have set *themselves* against me round about.

⁷ Arise, O LORD; save me, O my God: for thou hast smitten all mine enemies *upon* the cheek bone; thou hast broken the teeth of the ungodly. ⁸ Salvation

belongeth unto the LORD: thy blessing is upon thy people. Selah.

IV. To the *chief Musician on Neginoth, Or, *overseer*.
A Psalm of David.

HEAR me when I call, O God of my righteousness: thou hast enlarged me *when I was* in distress; *have mercy upon me, and hear my prayer. Or, be gracious unto me.

²O ye sons of men, how long *will ye turn* my glory into shame? *how long* will ye love vanity, *and* seek after leasing? Selah. ³But know that the LORD hath set apart him that is godly for himself: the LORD will hear when I call unto him.

⁴Stand in awe, and sin not: commune with your own heart upon your bed, and be still. Selah. ⁵Offer the sacrifices of righteousness; and put your trust in the LORD.

⁶*There be* many that say, Who will shew us *any* good? LORD, lift thou up the light of thy countenance upon us. ⁷Thou hast put gladness in my heart, more than in the time *that* their corn and their wine increased.

⁸I will both lay me down in peace, and sleep: for thou, LORD, only makest me dwell in safety.

V. To the chief Musician upon Nehiloth, A Psalm of David.

GIVE ear to my words, O LORD: consider my meditation. ²Hearken unto the voice of my cry, my King, and my God: for unto thee will I pray. ³My voice shalt thou hear in the morning, O LORD; in the morning will I direct *my prayer* unto thee, and will look up.

⁴For thou *art* not a God that hath pleasure in wickedness; neither shall evil dwell with thee. ⁵The foolish

shall not stand *in thy sight: thou hatest all <sup>Heb. before
thine eyes.</sup> workers of iniquity. ⁶Thou shalt destroy them that speak leasing: the LORD will abhor *the <sup>Heb. the man of
blood and deceit.</sup> bloody and deceitful man.

⁷ But as for me, I will come *into* thy house in the multitude of thy mercy: and in thy fear will I worship toward *thy holy temple. <sup>Heb. the temple of
thy holiness.</sup>

⁸ Lead me, O LORD, in thy righteousness because of *mine enemies; make thy way straight be- <sup>Heb. those which
observe me.</sup> fore my face. ⁹ For *there is* no *faithfulness <sup>Or, stedfast-
ness.</sup> *in their mouth; their inward part <sup>Heb. in his mouth, that is, in
the mouth of any of them.</sup> *is* *very wickedness; their throat *is* an open <sup>Heb. wicked-
nesses.</sup> sepulchre; they flatter with their tongue. ¹⁰ *De- <sup>Or, Make them
guilty.</sup> stroy thou them, O God; let them fall *by <sup>Or, from their
counsels.</sup> their own counsels; cast them out in the multitude of their transgressions; for they have rebelled against thee.

¹¹ But let all those that put their trust in thee rejoice: let them ever shout for joy, because *thou <sup>Heb. thou coverest over,
or, protectest them.</sup> defendest them: let them also that love thy name be joyful in thee. ¹² For thou, LORD, wilt bless the righteous; with favour wilt thou *compass ^{Heb. crown him.} him as *with* a shield.

VI. To the chief Musician on Neginoth upon *Sheminith, Or, *the eighth*.
A Psalm of David.

O LORD, rebuke me not in thine anger, neither chasten me in thy hot displeasure. ² Have mercy upon me, O LORD; for I *am* weak: O LORD, heal me; for my bones are vexed. ³ My soul is also sore vexed: but thou, O LORD, how long?

⁴ Return, O LORD, deliver my soul; O save me for thy mercies' sake. ⁵ For in death *there is* no remembrance of thee: in the grave who shall give thee thanks? ⁶ I am weary with my groaning; *all <sup>Or, every
night.</sup>

the night make I my bed to swim : I water my couch with my tears. ⁷ Mine eye is consumed because of grief; it waxeth old because of all mine enemies.

⁸ Depart from me, all ye workers of iniquity : for the LORD hath heard the voice of my weeping. ⁹ The LORD hath heard my supplication; the LORD will receive my prayer.

¹⁰ Let all mine enemies be ashamed and sore vexed : let them return *and* be ashamed suddenly.

VII. Shiggaion of David, which he sang unto the Lord concerning
the *words of Cush the Benjamite. Or, *business*.

O LORD my God, in thee do I put my trust : save me from all them that persecute me, and deliver me :
² lest he tear my soul like a lion, rending *it* in pieces, while *there is* *none to deliver. Heb. *not a deliverer*.

³ O LORD my God, if I have done this; if there be iniquity in my hands; ⁴ if I have rewarded evil unto him that was at peace with me; (yea, I have delivered him that without cause is mine enemy :) ⁵ let the enemy persecute my soul and take *it*; yea, let him tread down my life upon the earth, and lay mine honour in the dust. Selah.

⁶ Arise, O LORD, in thine anger; lift up thyself, because of the rage of mine enemies; and awake for me *to* the judgment *that* thou hast commanded. ⁷ So shall the congregation of the people compass thee about : for their sakes, therefore, return thou on high.

⁸ The LORD shall judge the people : judge me, O LORD, according to my righteousness, and according to mine integrity *that is* in me. ⁹ O let the wickedness of the wicked come to an end; but establish the just : for the righteous God trieth the hearts and reins.

¹⁰ * My defence is of God, which saveth Heb. *My buckler is upon God*.

the upright in heart. ¹¹ * God judgeth the Or, God is a righteous judge. righteous, and God is angry *with the wicked* every day.

¹² If he turn not, he will whet his sword: he hath bent his bow, and made it ready. ¹³ He hath also prepared for him the instruments of death; he ordaineth his arrows against the persecutors.

¹⁴ Behold, he travaileth with iniquity, and hath conceived mischief, and brought forth falsehood.

¹⁵ * He made a pit, and digged it, and is fallen Heb. He hath digged a pit. into the ditch *which* he made. ¹⁶ His mischief shall return upon his own head, and his violent dealing shall come down upon his own pate.

¹⁷ I will praise the LORD according to his righteousness: and will sing praise to the name of the LORD most high.

VIII. To the chief Musician upon Gittith, A Psalm of David.

O LORD our Lord, how excellent *is* thy name in all the earth! who hast set thy glory above the heavens.

² Out of the mouth of babes and sucklings hast thou ^{*} ordained strength because of thine enemies, Heb. founded. that thou mightest still the enemy and the avenger.

³ When I consider thy heavens, the work of thy fingers; the moon and the stars, which thou hast ordained; ⁴ what *is* man, that thou art mindful of him? and the son of man, that thou visitest him? ⁵ For thou hast made him a little lower than the angels, and hast crowned him with glory and honour. ⁶ Thou madest him to have dominion over the works of thy hands: thou hast put all *things* under his feet: ⁷ * all sheep and oxen, yea, and the beasts Heb. Flocks and oxen all of them. of the field; ⁸ the fowl of the air, and the fish of the sea, and *whatsoever* passeth through the paths of the seas.

⁹O LORD our Lord, how excellent *is* thy name in all the earth!

IX. To the chief Musician upon Muth-labben, A Psalm of David.

I WILL praise *thee*, O LORD, with my whole heart; I will shew forth all thy marvellous works. ² I will be glad and rejoice in thee: I will sing praise to thy name, O thou most High.

³ When mine enemies are turned back, they shall fall and perish at thy presence. ⁴ For *thou Heb. thou hast made my judgment. hast maintained my right and my cause; thou satest in the throne judging *right. ⁵ Thou hast Heb. in righteousness. rebuked the heathen, thou hast destroyed the wicked, thou hast put out their name for ever and ever.

⁶ *O thou enemy, destructions are Or, The destructions of the enemy are come to a perpetual end: and their cities hast thou destroyed, &c. come to a perpetual end: and thou hast destroyed cities; their memorial is perished with them. ⁷ But the LORD shall endure for ever: he hath prepared his throne for judgment: ⁸ and he shall judge the world in righteousness, he shall minister judgment to the people in uprightness.

⁹ The LORD also will be *a refuge for the Heb. an high place. oppressed, a refuge in times of trouble. ¹⁰ And they that know thy name will put their trust in thee: for thou, LORD, hast not forsaken them that seek thee.

¹¹ Sing praises to the LORD, which dwelleth in Zion; declare among the people his doings. ¹² When he maketh inquisition for blood, he remembereth them: he forgetteth not the cry of the *humble. Heb. afflicted.

¹³ Have mercy upon me, O LORD; consider my trouble *which I suffer* of them that hate me, thou that liftest me up from the gates of death: ¹⁴ that I may shew forth all thy praise in the gates of the daughter of Zion: I will rejoice in thy salvation.

¹⁵ The heathen are sunk down in the pit *that* they made : in the net which they hid is their own foot taken.

¹⁶ The LORD is known *by* the judgment *which* he executeth : the wicked is snared in the work of his own hands. * Higgaion. Selah. ¹⁷ The wicked ^{That is, meditation.} shall be turned into hell, *and* all the nations that forget God. ¹⁸ For the needy shall not alway be forgotten : the expectation of the poor shall *not* perish for ever.

¹⁹ Arise, O LORD ; let not man prevail : let the heathen be judged in thy sight. ²⁰ Put them in fear, O LORD : *that* the nations may know themselves *to be but* men. Selah.

X. WHY standest thou afar off, O LORD ? *why* hidest thou *thyself* in times of trouble ?

² * The wicked in *his* pride doth persecute the poor : let them be taken in the devices that they have imagined. ³ For the wicked boasteth of his * heart's desire, and * blesseth ^{Heb. In the pride of the wicked he doth persecute.} himself, ^{Heb. soul's. Or, the covetous blesseth himself, he abhorreth the LORD.} *whom* the LORD abhorreth. ⁴ The wicked, through the pride of his countenance, will not seek *after* God : * God *is* not in all his thoughts. ^{Or, all his thoughts are, There is no God.}

⁵ His ways are always grievous ; thy judgments *are* far above out of his sight : *as for* all his enemies, he puffeth at them. ⁶ He hath said in his heart, I shall not be moved : for *I shall* * never be ^{Heb. unto generation and generation.} in adversity. ⁷ His mouth is full of cursing and

* deceit and fraud : under his tongue *is* mischief and * vanity. ⁸ He sitteth in the lurking ^{Or, iniquity.} places of the villages : in the secret places doth he murder the innocent : his eyes * are privily set ^{Heb. hide themselves.} against the poor. ⁹ He lieth in wait * secretly ^{Heb. in the secret places.} as a lion in his den ; he lieth in wait to catch the poor :

he doth catch the poor, when he draweth him into his net. ¹⁰ *He croucheth *and* humbleth ^{Heb. *He breaketh himself.*} himself, that the poor may fall *by his strong ^{Or, *into his strong parts.*} ones. ¹¹ He hath said in his heart, God hath forgotten: he hideth his face; he will never see *it*.

¹² Arise, O LORD; O God, lift up thine hand: forget not the *humble. ^{Or, *afflicted.*}

¹³ Wherefore doth the wicked condemn God? he hath said in his heart, Thou wilt not require *it*. ¹⁴ Thou hast seen *it*; for thou beholdest mischief and spite, to requite *it* with thy hand: the poor *committeth ^{Heb. *cleaveth.*} himself unto thee; thou art the helper of the fatherless.

¹⁵ Break thou the arm of the wicked and the evil *man*: seek out his wickedness *till* thou find none.

¹⁶ The LORD *is* King for ever and ever: the heathen are perished out of his land.

¹⁷ LORD, thou hast heard the desire of the humble: thou *wilt prepare their heart, thou wilt cause ^{Or, *establish.*} thine ear to hear. ¹⁸ To judge the fatherless and the oppressed, that the man of the earth may no more *oppress. ^{Or, *terrify.*}

XI. To the chief Musician, *A Psalm* of David.

IN the LORD put I my trust: how say ye to my soul, Flee *as* a bird to your mountain? ² For, lo, the wicked bend *their* bow, they make ready their arrow upon the string, that they may *privily shoot ^{Heb. *in darkness.*} at the upright in heart.

³ If the foundations be destroyed, what can the righteous do?

⁴ The LORD *is* in his holy temple, the LORD's throne *is* in heaven: his eyes behold, his eyelids try, the children of men. ⁵ The LORD trieth the righteous: but the wicked, and him that loveth violence, his soul

hateth. ⁶ Upon the wicked he shall rain *snares, Or, quick burning coals.
 fire and brimstone, and *an horrible tempest: Or, a burning tempest.
this shall be the portion of their cup.

⁷ For the righteous LORD loveth righteousness; his countenance doth behold the upright.

XII. To the chief Musician upon *Sheminith, Or, the eighth.
 A Psalm of David.

*HELP, LORD; for the godly man ceaseth; Or, Save.
 for the faithful fail from among the children of men.

² They speak vanity every one with his neighbour:
*with flattering lips, and with *a double heart,* Heb. an heart and an heart.
 do they speak.

³ The LORD shall cut off all flattering lips, *and* the tongue that speaketh *proud things: ⁴who Heb. great things.
 have said, With our tongue will we prevail; our lips
 *are our own: who *is* lord over us? Heb. are with us.

⁵ For the oppression of the poor, for the sighing of the needy, now will I arise, saith the LORD; I will set him in safety *from him that* *puffeth at him. Or, would ensnare him.

⁶ The words of the LORD *are* pure words: *as* silver tried in a furnace of earth, purified seven times.

⁷ Thou shalt keep them, O LORD, thou shalt preserve
 *them from this generation for ever. Heb. him: that is, every one of them.

⁸ The wicked walk on every side, when *the Heb. the vilest of the sons of men are exalted.
 vilest men are exalted.

XIII. To the *chief Musician, A Psalm of David. Or, overseer.

How long wilt thou forget me, O LORD? for ever?
 how long wilt thou hide thy face from me? ² How long shall I take counsel in my soul, *having* sorrow in my heart daily? how long shall mine enemy be exalted over me?

³ Consider *and* hear me, O LORD my God; lighten mine eyes, lest I sleep the *sleep of* death; ⁴ lest mine enemy say, I have prevailed against him; *and* those that trouble me rejoice when I am moved.

⁵ But I have trusted in thy mercy; my heart shall rejoice in thy salvation. ⁶ I will sing unto the LORD, because he hath dealt bountifully with me.

XIV. To the chief Musician, *A Psalm* of David.

THE fool hath said in his heart, *There is* no God. They are corrupt; they have done abominable works; *there is* none that doeth good.

² The LORD looked down from heaven upon the children of men, to see if there were any that did understand, *and* seek God. ³ They are all gone aside, they are *all* together become ^{*}filthy: *there is* Heb. stinking. none that doeth good, no, not one.

⁴ Have all the workers of iniquity no knowledge? who eat up my people *as* they eat bread, and call not upon the LORD. ⁵ There ^{*}were they in great Heb. they feared a fear. fear: for God *is* in the generation of the righteous. ⁶ Ye have shamed the counsel of the poor; because the LORD *is* his refuge.

⁷ ^{*}Oh that the salvation of Israel *were* Heb. Who will give, &c. come out of Zion! When the LORD bringeth back the captivity of his people, Jacob shall rejoice, *and* Israel shall be glad.

XV. *A Psalm* of David.

LORD, who shall ^{*}abide in thy tabernacle? Heb. sojourn. who shall dwell in thy holy hill?

² He that walketh uprightly, and worketh righteousness, and speaketh the truth in his heart. ³ *He that*

backbiteth not with his tongue, nor doeth evil to his neighbour, nor *taketh up a reproach against <sup>Or, receiveth,
or, endureth.</sup> his neighbour. ⁴In whose eyes a vile person is contemned; but he honoureth them that fear the LORD. *He that sweareth to his own hurt, and changeth not.* ⁵*He that putteth not out his money to usury, nor taketh reward against the innocent.* He that doeth these *things* shall never be moved.

XVI. *Michtam of David.

Or, *A golden Psalm
of David.*

PRESERVE me, O God: for in thee do I put my trust. ²*O my soul*, thou hast said unto the LORD, Thou art my Lord: my goodness *extendeth* not to thee; ³*but* to the saints that *are* in the earth, and to the excellent, in whom *is* all my delight.

⁴Their sorrows shall be multiplied *that* *hasten <sup>Or, give gifts
to another.</sup> *after another god*: their drink-offerings of blood will I not offer, nor take up their names into my lips.

⁵The LORD *is* the portion *of mine inherit- <sup>Heb. of my
part.</sup> ⁶ance, and of my cup: thou maintainest my lot. The lines are fallen unto me in pleasant *places*; yea, I have a goodly heritage. ⁷I will bless the LORD, who hath given me counsel: my reins also instruct me in the night seasons.

⁸I have set the LORD always before me: because *he* *is* at my right hand, I shall not be moved. ⁹Therefore my heart is glad, and my glory rejoiceth: my flesh also shall *rest in hope. ¹⁰For thou wilt not <sup>Heb. dwell
confidently.</sup> leave my soul in hell; neither wilt thou suffer thine Holy One to see corruption. ¹¹Thou wilt shew me the path of life: in thy presence *is* fulness of joy; at thy right hand *there are* pleasures for evermore.

XVII. A Prayer of David.

HEAR *the right, O LORD, attend unto my Heb. justice. cry; give ear unto my prayer, *that goeth* *not Heb. without lips of deceit. out of feigned lips. ² Let my sentence come forth from thy presence; let thine eyes behold the things that are equal.

³ Thou hast proved mine heart; thou hast visited *me* in the night; thou hast tried me, *and* shalt find nothing: I am purposed *that* my mouth shall not transgress. ⁴ Concerning the works of men, by the word of thy lips I have kept *me from* the paths of the destroyer. ⁵ Hold up my goings in thy paths, *that* my footsteps *slip not. Heb. be not moved.

⁶ I have called upon thee; for thou wilt hear me, O God: incline thine ear unto me, *and* hear my speech. ⁷ Shew thy marvellous lovingkindness, O thou *that savest by thy right Or, that savest them which trust in thee from those that rise up against thy right hand. hand them which put their trust *in thee* from those that rise up *against them*. ⁸ Keep me as the apple of the eye; hide me under the shadow of thy wings, ⁹ from the wicked *that oppress me, *from* Heb. that waste me. *my deadly enemies, *who* compass me Heb. my enemies against the soul. about. ¹⁰ They are inclosed in their own fat: with their mouth they speak proudly. ¹¹ They have now compassed us in our steps: they have set their eyes bowing down to the earth; ¹² *like Heb. The likeness of him (that is, of every one of them) is as a lion that desireth to ravin. as a lion *that* is greedy of his prey, and as it were a young lion *lurking in secret places. Heb. sitting.

¹³ Arise, O LORD, *disappoint him, cast him Heb. prevent his face. down: deliver my soul from the wicked, **which* Or, by thy sword. is thy sword: ¹⁴ *from men *which* are thy Or, From men by thine hand. hand, O LORD, from men of the world, *which* have their portion in *this* life, and whose belly thou fillest

with thy hid *treasure*: *they are full of ^{Or, *their children are full.*} children, and leave the rest of their *substance* to their babes.

¹⁵ As for me, I will behold thy face in righteousness: I shall be satisfied, when I awake, with thy likeness.

XVIII. To the chief Musician, *A Psalm* of David, the servant of the Lord, who spake unto the LORD the words of this song in the day *that* the LORD delivered him from the hand of all his enemies, and from the hand of Saul: And he said,

I WILL love thee, O LORD, my strength. ² The LORD *is* my rock, and my fortress, and my deliverer; my God, *my strength, in whom I will trust: ^{Heb. *my rock.*} my buckler, and the horn of my salvation, *and* my high tower.

³ I will call upon the LORD, *who is worthy* to be praised: so shall I be saved from mine enemies. ⁴ The sorrows of death compassed me, and the floods of *ungodly men made me afraid. ⁵ The *sorrows <sup>Heb. *Belial.*
Or, *corals.*</sup> of hell compassed me about: the snares of death prevented me. ⁶ In my distress I called upon the LORD, and cried unto my God: he heard my voice out of his temple, and my cry came before him, *even* into his ears. ⁷ Then the earth shook and trembled; the foundations also of the hills moved and were shaken, because he was wroth. ⁸ There went up a smoke *out of his nostrils, and fire out of his mouth ^{Heb. *by his.*} devoured: coals were kindled by it. ⁹ He bowed the heavens also, and came down: and darkness *was* under his feet. ¹⁰ And he rode upon a cherub, and did fly: yea, he did fly upon the wings of the wind. ¹¹ He made darkness his secret place: his pavilion round about him *were* dark waters *and* thick clouds of the skies. ¹² At the brightness *that was* before him his

thick clouds passed, hail *stones* and coals of fire. ¹³ The LORD also thundered in the heavens, and the Highest gave his voice; hail *stones* and coals of fire. ¹⁴ Yea, he sent out his arrows, and scattered them; and he shot out lightnings, and discomfited them. ¹⁵ Then the channels of waters were seen, and the foundations of the world were discovered at thy rebuke, O LORD, at the blast of the breath of thy nostrils. ¹⁶ He sent from above, he took me, he drew me out of *many ^{Or, great waters.} waters. ¹⁷ He delivered me from my strong enemy, and from them which hated me: for they were too strong for me.

¹⁸ They prevented me in the day of my calamity: but the LORD was my stay. ¹⁹ He brought me forth also into a large place: he delivered me, because he delighted in me.

²⁰ The LORD rewarded me according to my righteousness; according to the cleanness of my hands hath he recompensed me. ²¹ For I have kept the ways of the LORD, and have not wickedly departed from my God. ²² For all his judgments *were* before me, and I did not put away his statutes from me. ²³ I was also upright *before him, and I kept myself from mine ini- ^{Heb. with.} quity. ²⁴ Therefore hath the LORD recompensed me according to my righteousness, according to the cleanness of my hands *in his eyesight. ^{Heb. before his eyes.}

²⁵ With the merciful thou wilt shew thyself merciful; with an upright man thou wilt shew thyself upright; ²⁶ with the pure thou wilt shew thyself pure; and with the froward thou wilt *shew thyself froward. ^{Or, wrestle.} ²⁷ For thou wilt save the afflicted people; but wilt bring down high looks. ²⁸ For thou wilt light my *candle: the LORD my God will enlighten my ^{Or, lamp.} darkness. ²⁹ For by thee I have *run through ^{Or, broken.} a troop; and by my God have I leaped over a wall.

³⁰ *As for* God, his way *is* perfect: the word of the LORD is *tried: he *is* a buckler to all those Or, refined. that trust in him.

³¹ For who *is* God save the LORD? or who *is* a rock save our God? ³² *It is* God that girdeth me with strength, and maketh my way perfect. ³³ He maketh my feet like hinds' *feet*, and setteth me upon my high places. ³⁴ He teacheth my hands to war, so that a bow of steel is broken by mine arms.

³⁵ Thou hast also given me the shield of thy salvation: and thy right hand hath holden me up, and *thy gentleness hath made me great. Or, with thy meekness thou hast multiplied me.

³⁶ Thou hast enlarged my steps under me, that *my Heb. mine feet did not slip. uncles. ³⁷ I have pursued mine enemies, and overtaken them: neither did I turn again till they were consumed. ³⁸ I have wounded them that they were not able to rise: they are fallen under my feet.

³⁹ For thou hast girded me with strength unto the battle: thou hast *subdued under me those that Heb. caused to bow.

rose up against me. ⁴⁰ Thou hast also given me the necks of mine enemies, that I might destroy them that hate me. ⁴¹ They cried, but *there was* none to save them: *even* unto the LORD, but he answered them not. ⁴² Then did I beat them small as the dust before the wind: I did cast them out as the dirt in the streets.

⁴³ Thou hast delivered me from the strivings of the people; *and* thou hast made me the head of the heathen: a people *whom* I have not known shall serve me. ⁴⁴ *As soon as they hear of me, they Heb. at the hearing of the ear.

shall obey me: *the strangers shall Heb. the sons of the strangers. *submit themselves unto me. ⁴⁵ The Or, yield feigned obedience. strangers shall fade away, and be afraid out of their close places. Heb. lie.

⁴⁶ The LORD liveth; and blessed *be* my rock: and let the God of my salvation be exalted. ⁴⁷ *It is* God

that *avengeth me, and *subdueth the Heb. giveth avengements for me. Or, destroyeth. people unto me. ⁴⁸ He delivereth me from mine enemies; yea, thou liftest me up above those that rise up against me: thou hast delivered me from the *violent man. Heb. man of violence.

⁴⁹ Therefore will I *give thanks unto thee, Or, confess. O LORD, among the heathen, and sing praises unto thy name.

⁵⁰ Great deliverance giveth he to his king; and sheweth mercy to his anointed, to David, and to his seed for evermore.

XIX. To the chief Musician, A Psalm of David.

THE heavens declare the glory of God; and the firmament sheweth his handywork. ² Day unto day uttereth speech, and night unto night sheweth knowledge. ³ *There is* no speech nor language, **where* their voice is not heard. Or, without these their voice is heard. Heb. without their voice heard. ⁴ *Their line is gone out through all the earth, Or, their rule, or, direction. and their words to the end of the world. In them hath he set a tabernacle for the sun, ⁵ which *is* as a bridegroom coming out of his chamber, *and* rejoiceth as a strong man to run a race. ⁶ His going forth *is* from the end of the heaven, and his circuit unto the ends of it: and there is nothing hid from the heat thereof.

⁷ The *law of the LORD *is* perfect, *converting Or, doctrine. Or, restoring. the soul: the testimony of the LORD *is* sure, making wise the simple. ⁸ The statutes of the LORD *are* right, rejoicing the heart: the commandment of the LORD *is* pure, enlightening the eyes. ⁹ The fear of the LORD *is* clean, enduring for ever: the judgments of the LORD *are* *true *and* righteous altogether. Heb. truth.

¹⁰ More to be desired *are they* than gold, yea,
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than much fine gold: sweeter also than honey and
^sthe honeycomb. Heb. the dropping
of honeycombs.

¹¹ Moreover, by them is thy servant warned: *and* in keeping of them *there is* great reward.

¹² Who can understand *his* errors? cleanse thou me from secret *faults*. ¹³ Keep back thy servant also from presumptuous *sins*; let them not have dominion over me: then shall I be upright, and I shall be innocent from ^{*}the great transgression. Or, much.

¹⁴ Let the words of my mouth, and the meditation of my heart, be acceptable in thy sight, O LORD, my ^{*}strength and my redeemer. Heb. rock.

XX. To the chief Musician, A Psalm of David.

THE LORD hear thee in the day of trouble; the name of the God of Jacob ^{*}defend thee. ² Send Heb. set thee on
an high place.
^{*}thee help from the sanctuary, and ^{*}strengthen Heb. thy help.
thee out of Zion. Heb. support thee. ³ Remember all thy offerings, and
^{*}accept thy burnt sacrifice. Selah. ⁴ Grant Heb. turn to ashes:
or, make fat.
thee according to thine own heart, and fulfil all thy counsel.

⁵ We will rejoice in thy salvation, and in the name of our God we will set up *our* banniers: the LORD fulfil all thy petitions.

⁶ Now know I that the LORD saveth his anointed; he will hear him ^{*}from his holy heaven Heb. from the heaven of
his holiness.
^{*}with the saving strength of his right Heb. by the strength of the
salvation of his right hand.
hand. ⁷ Some *trust* in chariots, and some in horses: but we will remember the name of the LORD our God.
⁸ They are brought down and fallen: but we are risen, and stand upright.

⁹ Save, LORD, let the king hear us when we call.

XXI. To the chief Musician, A Psalm of David.

THE king shall joy in thy strength, O LORD; and in thy salvation how greatly shall he rejoice! ² Thou hast given him his heart's desire, and hast not withholden the request of his lips. Selah. ³ For thou preventest him with the blessings of goodness: thou settest a crown of pure gold on his head.

⁴ He asked life of thee, *and* thou gavest it him, *even* length of days for ever and ever. ⁵ His glory *is* great in thy salvation: honour and majesty hast thou laid upon him. ⁶ For thou hast *made him Heb. set him to be blessings. most blessed for ever: thou hast *made Heb. gladdened him with joy. him exceeding glad with thy countenance.

⁷ For the king trusteth in the LORD, and through the mercy of the Most High he shall not be moved.

⁸ Thine hand shall find out all thine enemies: thy right hand shall find out those that hate thee. ⁹ Thou shalt make them as a fiery oven in the time of thine anger: the LORD shall swallow them up in his wrath, and the fire shall devour them. ¹⁰ Their fruit shalt thou destroy from the earth, and their seed from among the children of men. ¹¹ For they intended evil against thee: they imagined a mischievous device, *which* they are not able to perform. ¹² Therefore *shalt Or, thou shalt set them as a butt. thou make them turn their *back, *when* thou Heb. shoulder. shalt make ready *thine arrows* upon thy strings against the face of them.

¹³ Be thou exalted, LORD, in thine own strength: *so* will we sing and praise thy power.

XXII. To the chief Musician upon *Aijelet Shazar, Or, the hind of the morning.
A Psalm of David.

My God, my God, why hast thou forsaken me? *why*

art thou so far *from helping me, *and from* Heb. from my salvation.
the words of my roaring?

² O my God, I cry in the daytime, but thou hearest not; and in the night-season, and *am not Heb. there is no silence to me. silent.

³ But thou *art* holy, *O thou* that inhabitest the praises of Israel.

⁴ Our fathers trusted in thee: they trusted, and thou didst deliver them. ⁵ They cried unto thee, and were delivered: they trusted in thee, and were not confounded.

⁶ But I *am* a worm, and no man; a reproach of men, and despised of the people. ⁷ All they that see me laugh me to scorn: they *shoot out the Heb. open. lip, they shake their head, *saying*, ⁸ *He Heb. He rolled himself on the LORD. trusted on the LORD *that* he would deliver him: let him deliver him, *seeing he delighted in him. Or, if he delight in him.

⁹ But thou *art* he that took me out of the womb: thou *didst make me hope *when I was* upon Or, keptest me in safety. my mother's breasts. ¹⁰ I was cast upon thee from the womb: thou *art* my God from my mother's belly.

¹¹ Be not far from me, for trouble *is* near; for *there is* *none to help. ¹² Many bulls have com- Heb. not a helper. passed me: strong *bulls* of Bashan have beset me round. ¹³ They *gaped upon me *with* their Heb. opened their mouths against me. mouths, *as* a ravening and a roaring lion.

¹⁴ I am poured out like water, and all my bones are *out of joint: my heart is like wax; it is Or, sundered. melted in the midst of my bowels. ¹⁵ My strength is dried up like a potsherd; and my tongue cleaveth to my jaws; and thou hast brought me into the dust of death. ¹⁶ For dogs have compassed me: the assembly of the wicked have inclosed me: they pierced my hands and my feet. ¹⁷ I may tell all my bones: they look *and* stare upon me.

¹⁸ They part my garments among them, and cast lots upon my vesture.

¹⁹ But be not thou far from me, O LORD : O my strength, haste thee to help me. ²⁰ Deliver my soul from the sword ; * my darling * from the ^{Heb. my only one.} ^{Heb. from the hand.} power of the dog. ²¹ Save me from the lion's mouth : for thou hast heard me from the horns of the unicorns.

²² I will declare thy name unto my brethren : in the midst of the congregation will I praise thee.

²³ Ye that fear the LORD, praise him ; all ye the seed of Jacob, glorify him ; and fear him, all ye the seed of Israel. ²⁴ For he hath not despised nor abhorred the affliction of the afflicted ; neither hath he hid his face from him ; but when he cried unto him, he heard.

²⁵ My praise *shall be* of thee in the great congregation ; I will pay my vows before them that fear him.

²⁶ The meek shall eat and be satisfied : they shall praise the LORD that seek him : your heart shall live for ever. ²⁷ All the ends of the world shall remember and turn unto the LORD : and all the kindreds of the nations shall worship before thee. ²⁸ For the kingdom *is* the LORD's : and he *is* the governor among the nations. ²⁹ All *they that be* fat upon earth shall eat and worship : all they that go down to the dust shall bow before him : and none can keep alive his own soul.

³⁰ A seed shall serve him ; it shall be accounted to the LORD for a generation. ³¹ They shall come, and shall declare his righteousness unto a people that shall be born, that he hath done *this*.

XXIII. A Psalm of David.

THE LORD *is* my shepherd ; I shall not want. ² He maketh me to lie down in * green pastures : ^{Heb. pastures of tender grass.} he leadeth me beside the * still waters. ³ He ^{Heb. waters of quietness.}

restoreth my soul: he leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for his name's sake.

⁴ Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil: for thou *art* with me; thy rod and thy staff they comfort me. ⁵ Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies: thou ^{*}anointest my head with oil; ^{Heb. makest fut.} my cup runneth over.

⁶ Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life: and I will dwell in the house of the LORD ^{*}for ever. ^{Heb. to length of days.}

XXIV. A Psalm of David.

THE earth *is* the LORD's, and the fulness thereof; the world, and they that dwell therein. ² For he hath founded it upon the seas, and established it upon the floods.

³ Who shall ascend into the hill of the LORD? or who shall stand in his holy place? ⁴ ^{*}He that ^{Heb. The clean of hands.} hath clean hands, and a pure heart; who hath not lifted up his soul unto vanity, nor sworn deceitfully. ⁵ He shall receive the blessing from the LORD, and righteousness from the God of his salvation. ⁶ This *is* the generation of them that seek him, that seek thy face, ^{*}O Jacob. Selah. ^{Or, O God of Jacob.}

⁷ Lift up your heads, O ye gates; and be ye lift up, ye everlasting doors; and the King of glory shall come in. ⁸ Who *is* this King of glory? The LORD strong and mighty, the LORD mighty in battle.

⁹ Lift up your heads, O ye gates; even lift *them* up, ye everlasting doors; and the King of glory shall come in. ¹⁰ Who *is* this King of glory? The LORD of hosts, he *is* the King of glory. Selah.

XXV. *A Psalm of David.*

UNTO thee, O LORD, do I lift up my soul. ² O my God, I trust in thee: let me not be ashamed, let not mine enemies triumph over me. ³ Yea, let none that wait on thee be ashamed: let them be ashamed which transgress without cause.

⁴ Shew me thy ways, O LORD; teach me thy paths. ⁵ Lead me in thy truth, and teach me: for thou *art* the God of my salvation; on thee do I wait all the day. ⁶ Remember, O LORD, ^{*}thy tender mercies ^{Heb. thy bowels.} and thy lovingkindnesses; for they *have been* ever of old. ⁷ Remember not the sins of my youth, nor my transgressions: according to thy mercy remember thou me, for thy goodness' sake, O LORD.

⁸ Good and upright *is* the LORD: therefore will he teach sinners in the way. ⁹ The meek will he guide in judgment, and the meek will he teach his way. ¹⁰ All the paths of the LORD *are* mercy and truth unto such as keep his covenant and his testimonies.

¹¹ For thy name's sake, O LORD, pardon mine iniquity; for it *is* great.

¹² What man *is* he that feareth the LORD? him shall he teach in the way *that* he shall choose. ¹³ His soul ^{*}shall dwell at ease; and his seed shall ^{Heb. shall lodge in goodness.} inherit the earth.

¹⁴ The secret of the LORD *is* with them that fear him; ^{*}and he will shew them his covenant. ^{Or, and his covenant to make them know it.}

¹⁵ Mine eyes *are* ever toward the LORD; for he shall ^{*}pluck my feet out of the net. ¹⁶ Turn thee ^{Heb. bring forth.} unto me, and have mercy upon me; for I *am* desolate and afflicted. ¹⁷ The troubles of my heart are enlarged: O bring thou me out of my distresses. ¹⁸ Look upon mine affliction, and my pain; and forgive all my sins.

¹⁹ Consider mine enemies; for they are many; and they hate me with *cruel hatred. ²⁰ O keep ^{Heb. hatred of violence.} my soul, and deliver me: let me not be ashamed; for I put my trust in thee. ²¹ Let integrity and uprightness preserve me; for I wait on thee.

²² Redeem Israel, O God, out of all his troubles.

XXVI. *A Psalm of David.*

JUDGE me, O LORD; for I have walked in mine integrity: I have trusted also in the LORD; *therefore* I shall not slide. ² Examine me, O LORD, and prove me; try my reins and my heart. ³ For thy loving-kindness *is* before mine eyes: and I have walked in thy truth. ⁴ I have not sat with vain persons, neither will I go in with dissemblers. ⁵ I have hated the congregation of evil doers; and will not sit with the wicked. ⁶ I will wash mine hands in innocency: so will I compass thine altar, O LORD: ⁷ that I may publish with the voice of thanksgiving, and tell of all thy wondrous works.

⁸ LORD, I have loved the habitation of thy house, and the place *where thine honour dwelleth. ^{Heb. of the tabernacle of thy honour.}

⁹ *Gather not my soul with sinners, nor my ^{Or, Take not away.} life with *bloody men: ^{Heb. men of blood.} ¹⁰ in whose hands *is* mischief, and their right hand is *full of bribes. ^{Heb. filled with.}

¹¹ But as for me, I will walk in mine integrity: redeem me, and be merciful unto me. ¹² My foot standeth in an even place: in the congregations will I bless the LORD.

XXVII. *A Psalm of David.*

THE LORD *is* my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear? the LORD *is* the strength of my life; of

whom shall I be afraid? ² When the wicked, *even* mine enemies and my foes, ^{Heb. approached against me.} *came upon me to eat up my flesh, they stumbled and fell. ³ Though an host should encamp against me, mine heart shall not fear: though war should rise against me, in this *will* I be confident.

⁴ One *thing* have I desired of the LORD, that will I seek after; that I may dwell in the house of the LORD all the days of my life, to behold *the beauty of ^{Or, the delight.} the LORD, and to inquire in his temple. ⁵ For in the time of trouble he shall hide me in his pavilion: in the secret of his tabernacle shall he hide me; he shall set me upon a rock.

⁶ And now shall mine head be lifted up above mine enemies round about me: therefore will I offer in his tabernacle sacrifices *of joy; I will sing, yea, ^{Heb. of shouting.} I will sing praises unto the LORD.

⁷ Hear, O LORD, *when* I cry with my voice: have mercy also upon me, and answer me. ⁸ * *When* ^{Or, My heart said unto thee, Let my face seek thy face, &c.} Thou saidst, Seek ye my face; my heart said unto thee, Thy face, LORD, will I seek. ⁹ Hide not thy face *far* from me; put not thy servant away in anger: thou hast been my help; leave me not, neither forsake me, O God of my salvation. ¹⁰ When my father and my mother forsake me, then the LORD *will take ^{Heb. will gather me.} me up.

¹¹ Teach me thy way, O LORD, and lead me in *a plain path, because of *mine ene- ^{Heb. a way of plainness. Heb. those which observe me.} mies. ¹² Deliver me not over unto the will of mine enemies: for false witnesses are risen up against me, and such as breathe out cruelty.

¹³ *I had fainted*, unless I had believed to see the goodness of the LORD in the land of the living.

¹⁴ Wait on the LORD: be of good courage, and he shall strengthen thine heart: wait, I say, on the LORD.

XXVIII. *A Psalm of David.*

UNTO thee will I cry, O LORD my rock; be not silent *to me: lest, *if* thou be silent to me, I ^{Heb. from me.} become like them that go down into the pit. ² Hear the voice of my supplications, when I cry unto thee, when I lift up my hands *toward thy holy ^{Or, toward the oracle of thy sanctuary.} oracle.

³ Draw me not away with the wicked, and with the workers of iniquity, which speak peace to their neighbours, but mischief *is* in their hearts. ⁴ Give them according to their deeds, and according to the wickedness of their endeavours: give them after the work of their hands; render to them their desert. ⁵ Because they regard not the works of the LORD, nor the operation of his hands, he shall destroy them, and not build them up.

⁶ Blessed *be* the LORD, because he hath heard the voice of my supplications.

⁷ The LORD *is* my strength and my shield; my heart trusted in him, and I am helped: therefore my heart greatly rejoiceth; and with my song will I praise him. ⁸ The LORD *is* *their strength, and he ^{Or, his strength.} ^{Heb. strength of salvations.} *is* the *saving strength of his anointed.

⁹ Save thy people, and bless thine inheritance: *feed them also, and lift them up for ever. ^{Or, rule.}

XXIX. *A Psalm of David.*

GIVE unto the LORD, O *ye mighty, give ^{Heb. ye sons of the mighty.} unto the LORD glory and strength. ² Give unto the LORD *the glory due unto his name; wor- ^{Heb. the honour of his name.} ship the LORD *in the beauty of holiness. ^{Or, in his glorious sanctuary.}

³ The voice of the LORD *is* upon the waters: the God

of glory thundereth: the LORD *is* upon *many ^{Or, great waters.} waters. ⁴The voice of the LORD *is* *powerful; the ^{Heb. in power.} voice of the LORD *is* *full of majesty. ⁵The voice ^{Heb. in majesty.} of the LORD breaketh the cedars: yea, the LORD breaketh the cedars of Lebanon. ⁶He maketh them also to skip like a calf; Lebanon and Sirion like a young unicorn. ⁷The voice of the LORD *divideth the ^{Heb. cutteth out.} flames of fire. ⁸The voice of the LORD shaketh the wilderness; the LORD shaketh the wilderness of Kadesh. ⁹The voice of the LORD maketh the hinds *to calve, and discovereth the forests: and in ^{Or, to be in pain.} his temple *doth every one speak of *his* ^{Or, every whit of it uttereth, &c.} glory. ¹⁰The LORD sitteth upon the flood; yea, the LORD sitteth King for ever.

¹¹The LORD will give strength unto his people; the LORD will bless his people with peace.

XXX. A Psalm and Song at the dedication of the house of David.

I WILL extol thee, O LORD; for thou hast lifted me up, and hast not made my foes to rejoice over me. ²O LORD my God, I cried unto thee, and thou hast healed me. ³O LORD, thou hast brought up my soul from the grave: thou hast kept me alive, that I should not go down to the pit.

⁴Sing unto the LORD, O ye saints of his, and give thanks *at the remembrance of his holiness. ⁵For ^{Or, to the memorial.} *his anger *endureth but* a moment; in his ^{Heb. there is but a moment in his anger.} favour *is* life: weeping may endure *for a ^{Heb. in the evening.} night, but *joy *cometh* in the morning. ^{Heb. singing.}

⁶And in my prosperity I said, I shall never be moved. ⁷LORD, by thy favour thou hast *made my ^{Heb. settled strength for my mountain.} mountain to stand strong: thou didst hide thy face, and I was troubled. ⁸I cried to thee, O LORD; and unto the LORD I made supplication. ⁹What profit *is*

there in my blood, when I go down to the pit? Shall the dust praise thee? shall it declare thy truth? ¹⁰ Hear, O LORD, and have mercy upon me: LORD, be thou my helper.

¹¹ Thou hast turned for me my mourning into dancing: thou hast put off my sackcloth, and girded me with gladness; ¹² to the end that **my* <sup>That is, my tongue,
or, my soul.</sup> glory may sing praise to thee, and not be silent. O LORD my God, I will give thanks unto thee for ever.

XXXI. To the chief Musician, A Psalm of David.

IN thee, O LORD, do I put my trust; let me never be ashamed: deliver me in thy righteousness. ² Bow down thine ear to me; deliver me speedily: be thou **my* strong rock, for an house of defence to <sup>Heb. to me for a
rock of strength.</sup> save me. ³ For thou *art* my rock and my fortress: therefore, for thy name's sake, lead me and guide me. ⁴ Pull me out of the net that they have laid privily for me: for thou *art* my strength.

⁵ Into thine hand I commit my spirit: thou hast redeemed me, O LORD God of truth.

⁶ I have hated them that regard lying vanities: but I trust in the LORD. ⁷ I will be glad and rejoice in thy mercy: for thou hast considered my trouble; thou hast known my soul in adversities, ⁸ and hast not shut me up into the hand of the enemy: thou hast set my feet in a large room.

⁹ Have mercy upon me, O LORD, for I am in trouble: mine eye is consumed with grief, *yea*, my soul and my belly. ¹⁰ For my life is spent with grief, and my years with sighing: my strength faileth because of mine iniquity, and my bones are consumed. ¹¹ I was a reproach among all mine enemies, but especially among my neighbours, and a fear to mine acquaintance:

they that did see me without fled from me. ¹² I am forgotten as a dead man out of mind: I am like *a broken vessel. ¹³ For I have heard the Heb. a vessel that perisheth. slander of many: fear *was* on every side: while they took counsel together against me, they devised to take away my life.

¹⁴ But I trusted in thee, O LORD: I said, Thou *art* my God.

¹⁵ My times *are* in thy hand: deliver me from the hand of mine enemies, and from them that persecute me. ¹⁶ Make thy face to shine upon thy servant: save me for thy mercies' sake. ¹⁷ Let me not be ashamed, O LORD; for I have called upon thee: let the wicked be ashamed, *and* *let them be silent in the Or, let them be cut off for the grave. grave. ¹⁸ Let the lying lips be put to silence, which speak *grievous things proudly and contemp- Heb. a hard thing. tuously against the righteous.

¹⁹ *Oh* how great *is* thy goodness, which thou hast laid up for them that fear thee; *which* thou hast wrought for them that trust in thee before the sons of men! ²⁰ Thou shalt hide them in the secret of thy presence from the pride of man: thou shalt keep them secretly in a pavilion from the strife of tongues.

²¹ Blessed *be* the LORD: for he hath shewed me his marvellous kindness in a *strong city. ²² For I Or, fenced city. said in my haste, I am cut off from before thine eyes: nevertheless thou heardest the voice of my supplications, when I cried unto thee.

²³ O love the LORD, all ye his saints: *for* the LORD preserveth the faithful, and plentifully rewardeth the proud doer. ²⁴ Be of good courage, and he shall strengthen your heart, all ye that hope in the LORD.

XXXII. **A Psalm of David, Maschil.*Or, *A Psalm of David giving instruction.*

BLESSED *is he whose transgression is forgiven, whose sin is covered.* ² Blessed *is the man unto whom the LORD imputeth not iniquity, and in whose spirit there is no guile.*

³ When I kept silence, my bones waxed old through my roaring all the day long. ⁴ For day and night thy hand was heavy upon me: my moisture is turned into the drought of summer. Selah.

⁵ I acknowledged my sin unto me, and mine iniquity have I not hid. I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the LORD; and thou forgavest the iniquity of my sin. Selah.

⁶ For this shall every one that is godly pray unto thee *in a time when thou mayest be found: ^{Heb. in a time of finding.} surely in the floods of great waters they shall not come nigh unto him. ⁷ Thou *art* my hiding place; thou shalt preserve me from trouble; thou shalt compass me about with songs of deliverance. Selah.

⁸ I will instruct thee, and teach thee in the way which thou shalt go: *I will guide ^{Heb. I will counsel thee, mine eye shall be upon thee.} thee with mine eye. ⁹ Be ye not as the horse, *or* as the mule, *which* have no understanding: whose mouth must be held in with bit and bridle, lest they come near unto thee.

¹⁰ Many sorrows *shall be* to the wicked: but he that trusteth in the LORD, mercy shall compass him about. ¹¹ Be glad in the LORD, and rejoice, ye righteous: and shout for joy, all *ye that are* upright in heart.

XXXIII. REJOICE in the LORD, O ye righteous; *for* praise is comely for the upright. ² Praise the LORD

with harp : sing unto him with the psaltery *and* an instrument of ten strings. ³ Sing unto him a new song ; play skilfully with a loud noise.

⁴ For the word of the LORD *is* right ; and all his works *are done* in truth. ⁵ He loveth righteousness and judgment : the earth is full of the *goodness of Or, mercy. the LORD. ⁶ By the word of the LORD were the heavens made : and all the host of them by the breath of his mouth. ⁷ He gathereth the waters of the sea together as an heap : he layeth up the depth in storehouses. ⁸ Let all the earth fear the LORD : let all the inhabitants of the world stand in awe of him. ⁹ For he spake, and it was *done* ; he commanded, and it stood fast.

¹⁰ The LORD *bringeth the counsel of the Heb. maketh frustrate. heathen to nought : he maketh the devices of the people of none effect. ¹¹ The counsel of the LORD standeth for ever, the thoughts of his heart *to all generations. Heb. to generation and generation.

¹² Blessed *is* the nation whose God *is* the LORD ; *and* the people *whom* he hath chosen for his own inheritance.

¹³ The LORD looketh from heaven ; he beholdeth all the sons of men. ¹⁴ From the place of his habitation he looketh upon all the inhabitants of the earth. ¹⁵ He fashioneth their hearts alike ; he considereth all their works. ¹⁶ There is no king saved by the multitude of an host : a mighty man is not delivered by much strength. ¹⁷ An horse *is* a vain thing for safety : neither shall he deliver *any* by his great strength.

¹⁸ Behold, the eye of the LORD *is* upon them that fear him, upon them that hope in his mercy ; ¹⁹ to deliver their soul from death, and to keep them alive in famine.

²⁰ Our soul waiteth for the LORD ; he *is* our help and our shield. ²¹ For our heart shall rejoice in him,

because we have trusted in his holy name. ²² Let thy mercy, O LORD, be upon us, according as we hope in thee.

XXXIV. *A Psalm of David, when he changed his behaviour before*

^{*}Abimelech; who drove him away, and he departed. Or, *Achish*.

I WILL bless the LORD at all times: his praise *shall* continually *be* in my mouth. ² My soul shall make her boast in the LORD: the humble shall hear *thereof*, and be glad.

³ O magnify the LORD with me, and let us exalt his name together. ⁴ I sought the LORD, and he heard me, and delivered me from all my fears. ⁵ ^{*}They Or, they flowed unto him. looked unto him, and were lightened: and their faces were not ashamed. ⁶ This poor man cried, and the LORD heard *him*, and saved him out of all his troubles.

⁷ The angel of the LORD encampeth round about them that fear him, and delivereth them.

⁸ O taste and see that the LORD *is* good: blessed *is* the man *that* trusteth in him.

⁹ O fear the LORD, ye his saints: for *there is* no want to them that fear him. ¹⁰ The young lions do lack and suffer hunger: but they that seek the LORD shall not want any good *thing*.

¹¹ Come, ye children, hearken unto me: I will teach you the fear of the LORD. ¹² What man *is he that* desireth life, *and* loveth *many* days, that he may see good? ¹³ Keep thy tongue from evil, and thy lips from speaking guile. ¹⁴ Depart from evil, and do good; seek peace, and pursue it.

¹⁵ The eyes of the LORD *are* upon the righteous, and his ears *are open* unto their cry. ¹⁶ The face of the LORD *is* against them that do evil, to cut off the remembrance of them from the earth. ¹⁷ *The righteous*

cry, and the LORD heareth, and delivereth them out of all their troubles.

¹⁸ The LORD is nigh *unto them that Heb. to the broken of heart. are of a broken heart; and saveth *such as Heb. the contrite of spirit. be of a contrite spirit. ¹⁹ Many *are* the afflictions of the righteous: but the LORD delivereth him out of them all. ²⁰ He keepeth all his bones: not one of them is broken. ²¹ Evil shall slay the wicked: and they that hate the righteous *shall be desolate. ²² The Or, shall be guilty. LORD redeemeth the soul of his servants: and none of them that trust in him shall be desolate.

XXXV. *A Psalm of David.*

PLEAD *my cause*, O LORD, with them that strive with me: fight against them that fight against me. ² Take hold of shield and buckler, and stand up for mine help. ³ Draw out also the spear, and stop *the way* against them that persecute me: say unto my soul, *I am* thy salvation. ⁴ Let them be confounded and put to shame that seek after my soul: let them be turned back and brought to confusion that devise my hurt. ⁵ Let them be as chaff before the wind, and let the angel of the LORD chase *them*. ⁶ Let their way be *dark and slippery: and let the angel Heb. darkness and slipperiness. of the LORD persecute them.

⁷ For without cause have they hid for me their net *in a pit, which* without cause they have digged for my soul. ⁸ Let destruction come upon him *at Heb. which he knoweth not of. unawares; and let his net that he hath hid catch himself: into that very destruction let him fall.

⁹ And my soul shall be joyful in the LORD: it shall rejoice in his salvation. ¹⁰ All my bones shall say, LORD, who *is* like unto thee, which deliverest the

poor from him that is too strong for him, yea, the poor and the needy from him that spoileth him?

¹¹ * False witnesses did rise up; * they ^{Heb. Witnesses of wrong.} laid to my charge *things* that I knew not. ^{Heb. they asked me.} ¹² They rewarded me evil for good *to* the * spoiling of ^{Heb. depriving.} my soul.

¹³ But as for me, when they were sick, my clothing *was* sackcloth: I * humbled my soul with fast- ^{Or, afflicted.} ing; and my prayer returned into mine own bosom.

¹⁴ I * behaved myself * as though *he had* ^{Heb. walked.} ^{Heb. as a friend, as a brother to me.} been my friend *or* brother: I bowed down heavily, as one that mourneth *for his* mother. ¹⁵ But in mine * adversity they rejoiced, and gathered them- ^{Heb. halting.} selves together: *yea*, the abjects gathered themselves together against me, and I knew *it* not; they did tear *me*, and ceased not: ¹⁶ with hypocritical mockers in feasts, they gnashed upon me with their teeth.

¹⁷ LORD, how long wilt thou look on? rescue my soul from their destructions, * my darling from ^{Heb. my only one.} the lions.

¹⁸ I will give thee thanks in the great congregation: I will praise thee among * much people. ¹⁹ Let ^{Heb. strong.} not them that are mine enemies * wrongfully ^{Heb. falsely.} rejoice over me: *neither* let them wink with the eye that hate me without a cause. ²⁰ For they speak not peace: but they devise deceitful matters against *them that are* quiet in the land. ²¹ Yea, they opened their mouth wide against me, *and* said, Aha, aha, our eye hath seen *it*. ²² *This* thou hast seen, O LORD: keep not silence: O Lord, be not far from me. ²³ Stir up thyself, and awake to my judgment, *even* unto my cause, my God and my Lord.

²⁴ Judge me, O LORD my God, according to thy righteousness; and let them not rejoice over me.

²⁵ Let them not say in their hearts, * Ah, so ^{Heb. Ah, ah, our soul.}

would we have it: let them not say, We have swallowed him up. ²⁶ Let them be ashamed and brought to confusion together that rejoice at mine hurt: let them be clothed with shame and dishonour that magnify *themselves* against me. ²⁷ Let them shout for joy, and be glad, that favour *my righteous cause; ^{Heb. my righteousness.} yea, let them say continually, Let the LORD be magnified, which hath pleasure in the prosperity of his servant.

²⁸ And my tongue shall speak of thy righteousness *and* of thy praise all the day long.

XXXVI. To the chief Musician, *A Psalm* of David,
the servant of the Lord.

THE transgression of the wicked saith within my heart, *that there is* no fear of God before his eyes. ² For he flattereth himself in his own eyes, *until ^{Heb. to find his iniquity to hate.} his iniquity be found to be hateful. ³ The words of his mouth *are* iniquity and deceit: he hath left off to be wise, *and* to do good. ⁴ He deviseth *mischief ^{Or, vanity.} upon his bed; he setteth himself in a way *that is* not good; he abhorreth not evil.

⁵ Thy mercy, O LORD, *is* in the heavens, *and* thy faithfulness *reacheth* unto the clouds. ⁶ Thy righteousness *is* like *the great mountains; thy ^{Heb. the mountains of God.} judgments *are* a great deep: O LORD, thou preservest man and beast.

⁷ How *excellent *is* thy lovingkindness, O ^{Heb. precious.} God! therefore the children of men put their trust under the shadow of thy wings. ⁸ They shall be abundantly *satisfied with the fatness of thy ^{Heb. watered.} house: and thou shalt make them drink of the river of thy pleasures. ⁹ For with thee *is* the fountain of life: in thy light shall we see light.

¹⁰ O *continue thy lovingkindness unto them ^{Heb. draw out at length.} that know thee; and thy righteousness to the upright in heart. ¹¹ Let not the foot of pride come against me, and let not the hand of the wicked remove me. ¹² There are the workers of iniquity fallen: they are cast down, and shall not be able to rise.

XXXVII. *A Psalm of David.*

FRET not thyself because of evil doers, neither be thou envious against the workers of iniquity. ² For they shall soon be cut down like the grass, and wither as the green herb.

³ Trust in the LORD, and do good: so shalt thou dwell in the land, and *verily thou shalt be ^{Heb. in truth, or, stableness.} fed. ⁴ Delight thyself also in the LORD; and he shall give thee the desires of thine heart.

⁵ *Commit thy way unto the LORD; trust ^{Heb. Roll thy way upon the LORD.} also in him, and he shall bring *it* to pass. ⁶ And he shall bring forth thy righteousness as the light, and thy judgment as the noonday.

⁷ *Rest in the LORD, and wait patiently for ^{Heb. Be silent to the LORD.} him: fret not thyself because of him who prospereth in his way, because of the man who bringeth wicked devices to pass.

⁸ Cease from anger, and forsake wrath: fret not thyself in any wise to do evil. ⁹ For evil doers shall be cut off: but those that wait upon the LORD, they shall inherit the earth. ¹⁰ For yet a little while, and the wicked *shall not be*: yea, thou shalt diligently consider his place, and it *shall not be*. ¹¹ But the meek shall inherit the earth, and shall delight themselves in the abundance of peace. ¹² The wicked *plotteth ^{Or, practiseth.} against the just, and gnasheth upon him with his teeth. ¹³ The LORD shall laugh at him: for he seeth that his

day is coming. ¹⁴ The wicked have drawn out the sword, and have bent their bow, to cast down the poor and needy, *and* to slay *such as be of upright ^{Heb. the upright of way.} conversation. ¹⁵ Their sword shall enter into their own heart, and their bows shall be broken.

¹⁶ A little that a righteous man hath *is* better than the riches of many wicked. ¹⁷ For the arms of the wicked shall be broken : but the LORD upholdeth the righteous. ¹⁸ The LORD knoweth the days of the upright : and their inheritance shall be for ever. ¹⁹ They shall not be ashamed in the evil time : and in the days of famine they shall be satisfied. ²⁰ But the wicked shall perish, and the enemies of the LORD *shall be* as *the fat of lambs : they shall consume ; ^{Heb. the preciousness of lambs.} into smoke shall they consume away. ²¹ The wicked borroweth, and payeth not again : but the righteous sheweth mercy, and giveth. ²² For *such as be* blessed of him shall inherit the earth ; and *they that be* cursed of him shall be cut off.

²³ The steps of a *good* man are *ordered by ^{Or, established.} the LORD : and he delighteth in his way. ²⁴ Though he fall, he shall not be utterly cast down : for the LORD upholdeth *him with* his hand. ²⁵ I have been young, and *now* am old ; yet have I not seen the righteous forsaken, nor his seed begging bread. ²⁶ *He is* *ever merciful, and lendeth ; and his seed *is* ^{Heb. all the day.} blessed. ²⁷ Depart from evil, and do good ; and dwell for evermore. ²⁸ For the LORD loveth judgment, and forsaketh not his saints ; they are preserved for ever : but the seed of the wicked shall be cut off.

²⁹ The righteous shall inherit the land, and dwell therein for ever. ³⁰ The mouth of the righteous speaketh wisdom, and his tongue talketh of judgment. ³¹ The law of his God *is* in his heart ; none of his *steps ^{Or, goings.} shall slide. ³² The wicked watcheth the righteous, and

seeketh to slay him. ³³ The LORD will not leave him in his hand, nor condemn him when he is judged.

³⁴ Wait on the LORD, and keep his way, and he shall exalt thee to inherit the land: when the wicked are cut off, thou shalt see *it*. ³⁵ I have seen the wicked in great power, and spreading himself like *a green Or, a green tree that groweth in his own soil. bay tree. ³⁶ Yet he passed away, and, lo, he *was* not: yea, I sought him, but he could not be found. ³⁷ Mark the perfect *man*, and behold the upright: for the end of *that* man *is* peace. ³⁸ But the transgressors shall be destroyed together: the end of the wicked shall be cut off.

³⁹ But the salvation of the righteous *is* of the LORD: *he is* their strength in the time of trouble. ⁴⁰ And the LORD shall help them, and deliver them: he shall deliver them from the wicked, and save them, because they trust in him.

XXXVIII. A Psalm of David, to bring to remembrance.

O LORD, rebuke me not in thy wrath: neither chasten me in thy hot displeasure. ² For thine arrows stick fast in me, and thy hand presseth me sore. ³ *There is* no soundness in my flesh because of thine anger; neither *is there any* *rest in my bones Heb. peace, or, health. because of my sin. ⁴ For mine iniquities are gone over mine head: as an heavy burden they are too heavy for me. ⁵ My wounds stink *and* are corrupt because of my foolishness.

⁶ I am *troubled; I am bowed down greatly; Heb. wried. I go mourning all the day long. ⁷ For my loins are filled with a loathsome *disease*: and *there is* no soundness in my flesh. ⁸ I am feeble and sore broken: I have roared by reason of the disquietness of my heart.

⁹ Lord, all my desire *is* before thee; and my groan-

ing is not hid from thee. ¹⁰ My heart panteth, my strength faileth me: as for the light of mine eyes, it also is ^{*}gone from me. ¹¹ My lovers and my ^{Heb. not with me.} friends stand aloof from my ^{*}sore; and ^{*}my ^{Heb. stroke.} Or, my neighbours. kinsmen stand afar off. ¹² They also that seek after my life lay snares *for me*: and they that seek my hurt speak mischievous things, and imagine deceits all the day long.

¹³ But I, as a deaf *man*, heard not; and *I was* as a dumb man *that* openeth not his mouth. ¹⁴ Thus I was as a man that heareth not, and in whose mouth *are* no reproofs.

¹⁵ For ^{*}in thee, O LORD, do I hope: thou ^{Or, thee do I wait for.} wilt ^{*}hear, O Lord my God. ^{Or, answer.}

¹⁶ For I said, *Hear me*, lest *otherwise* they should rejoice over me: when my foot slippeth, they magnify *themselves* against me. ¹⁷ For I *am* ready ^{*}to halt, ^{Heb. for halting.} and my sorrow *is* continually before me. ¹⁸ For I will declare mine iniquity; I will be sorry for my sin.

¹⁹ But mine enemies ^{*}are lively, and they ^{Heb. being living, are strong.} are strong: and they that hate me wrongfully are multiplied. ²⁰ They also that render evil for good are mine adversaries; because I follow *the thing that good is*.

²¹ Forsake me not, O LORD: O my God, be not far from me. ²² Make haste ^{*}to help me, O Lord ^{Heb. for my help.} my salvation.

XXXIX. To the chief Musician, *even* to Jeduthun,

A Psalm of David.

I SAID, I will take heed to my ways, that I sin not with my tongue: I will keep ^{*}my mouth ^{Heb. a bridle, or, muzzle for my mouth.} with a bridle, while the wicked is before me.

² I was dumb with silence, I held my peace, *even* from good; and my sorrow was ^{*}stirred. ^{Heb. troubled.}

³ My heart was hot within me, while I was musing the fire burned: *then* spake I with my tongue, ⁴ LORD, make me to know mine end, and the measure of my days, what it is; *that* I may know *how frail I am. Or, what time I have here.

⁵ Behold, thou hast made my days *as* an handbreadth; and mine age *is* as nothing before thee: verily every man *at his best state *is* altogether vanity. Selah. ⁶ Surely every man walketh in *a vain shew: surely they are disquieted in vain: he heapeth up *riches*, and knoweth not who shall gather them. Heb. settled. Heb. an image.

⁷ And now, Lord, what wait I for? my hope *is* in thee. ⁸ Deliver me from all my transgressions: make me not the reproach of the foolish.

⁹ I was dumb, I opened not my mouth; because thou didst *it*. ¹⁰ Remove thy stroke away from me: I am consumed by the *blow of thine hand. Heb. conflict.

¹¹ When thou with rebukes dost correct man for iniquity, thou makest *his beauty to consume away like a moth: surely every man *is* vanity. Selah. Heb. that which is to be desired in him to melt away.

¹² Hear my prayer, O LORD, and give ear unto my cry; hold not thy peace at my tears: for I *am* a stranger with thee, *and* a sojourner, as all my fathers *were*. ¹³ O spare me, that I may recover strength, before I go hence, and be no more.

XL. To the chief Musician, A Psalm of David.

I *WAITED patiently for the LORD; and he inclined unto me, and heard my cry. ² He brought me up also out of *an horrible pit, out of the miry clay, and set my feet upon a rock, *and* established my goings. ³ And he hath put a new song in my Heb. In waiting I waited. Heb. a pit of noise.

mouth, *even* praise unto our God: many shall see *it*, and fear, and shall trust in the LORD.

⁴ Blessed *is* that man that maketh the LORD his trust; and respecteth not the proud, nor such as turn aside to lies. ⁵ Many, O LORD my God, *are* thy wonderful works *which* thou hast done, and thy thoughts *which are* to us-ward: *they cannot be ^{Or, none can order them unto thee.} reckoned up in order unto thee: *if* I would declare and speak *of them*, they are more than can be numbered.

⁶ Sacrifice and offering thou didst not desire; mine ears hast thou *opened: burnt offering and sin ^{Heb. digged.} offering hast thou not required. ⁷ Then said I, Lo, I come: in the volume of the book *it is* written of me, ⁸ I delight to do thy will, O my God: yea, thy law ^{Heb. in the midst of my bowels.} *is* *within my heart.

⁹ I have preached righteousness in the great congregation: lo, I have not refrained my lips, O LORD, thou knowest. ¹⁰ I have not hid thy righteousness within my heart; I have declared thy faithfulness and thy salvation: I have not concealed thy lovingkindness and thy truth from the great congregation.

¹¹ Withhold not thou thy tender mercies from me, O LORD: let thy lovingkindness and thy truth continually preserve me. ¹² For innumerable evils have compassed me about: mine iniquities have taken hold upon me, so that I am not able to look up; they are more than the hairs of mine head: therefore my heart *faileth me. ^{Heb. forsaketh.}

¹³ Be pleased, O LORD, to deliver me: O LORD, make haste to help me. ¹⁴ Let them be ashamed and confounded together that seek after my soul to destroy it; let them be driven backward and put to shame that wish me evil. ¹⁵ Let them be desolate for a reward of their shame that say unto me, Aha, aha. ¹⁶ Let all

those that seek thee rejoice and be glad in thee: let such as love thy salvation say continually, The LORD be magnified.

¹⁷ But I *am* poor and needy; *yet* the Lord thinketh upon me: thou *art* my help and my deliverer; make no tarrying, O my God.

XLI. To the chief Musician, A Psalm of David.

BLESSED *is* he that considereth *the poor: Or, the weak, or, sick. the LORD will deliver him *in time of trouble. Heb. in the day of evil.
²The LORD will preserve him, and keep him alive; *and* he shall be blessed upon the earth: and *thou wilt not deliver him unto the will of Or, do not thou deliver. his enemies. ³The LORD will strengthen him upon the bed of languishing: thou wilt *make all Heb. turn. his bed in his sickness.

⁴ I said, LORD, be merciful unto me: heal my soul; for I have sinned against thee. ⁵ Mine enemies speak evil of me, When shall he die, and his name perish?

⁶ And if he come to see *me*, he speaketh vanity: his heart gathereth iniquity to itself; *when* he goeth abroad, he telleth *it*. ⁷ All that hate me whisper together against me: against me do they devise *my hurt. ⁸ *An evil disease, *say they*, Heb. evil to me. Heb. a thing of Belial. cleaveth fast unto him: and *now* that he lieth he shall rise up no more. ⁹ Yea, *mine own familiar Heb. the man of my peace. friend, in whom I trusted, which did eat of my bread, hath *lifted up *his* heel against me. Heb. magnified.

¹⁰ But thou, O LORD, be merciful unto me, and raise me up, that I may requite them.

¹¹ By this I know that thou favourest me, because mine enemy doth not triumph over me. ¹² And as for me, thou upholdest me in mine integrity, and settest me before thy face for ever. ¹³ Blessed *be* the LORD

God of Israel from everlasting, and to everlasting.
Amen, and Amen.

XLII. To the chief Musician, *Maschil, for the sons of Korah.

Or, A Psalm giving instruction of the sons, &c.

As the hart *panteth after the water brooks, Heb. brayeth.
so panteth my soul after thee, O God. ² My soul
thirsteth for God, for the living God: when shall I
come and appear before God?

³ My tears have been my meat day and night, while
they continually say unto me, Where *is* thy God?

⁴ When I remember these *things*, I pour out my
soul in me: for I had gone with the multitude, I went
with them to the house of God, with the voice of joy
and praise, with a multitude that kept holyday.

⁵ Why art thou *cast down, O my soul? and Heb. bowed down.
why art thou disquieted in me? hope thou in God:
for I shall yet *praise him *for* the help Or, give thanks. Or, his presence is salvation.
of his countenance.

⁶ O my God, my soul is cast down within me:
therefore will I remember thee from the land of
Jordan, and of the Hermonites, from *the hill Or, the little hill.
Mizar.

⁷ Deep calleth unto deep at the noise of thy water-
spouts; all thy waves and thy billows are gone over
me. ⁸ Yet the LORD will command his lovingkindness
in the daytime, and in the night his song *shall be* with
me, *and* my prayer unto the God of my life. ⁹ I will
say unto God my rock, Why hast thou forgotten me?
why go I mourning because of the oppression of the
enemy?

¹⁰ As with a *sword in my bones, mine ene- Or, killing.
mies reproach me; while they say daily unto me,
Where *is* thy God?

¹¹ Why art thou cast down, O my soul? and why art thou disquieted within me? hope thou in God: for I shall yet praise him, *who is* the health of my countenance, and my God.

XLIII. JUDGE me, O God, and plead my cause against an *ungodly nation: O deliver me Or, unmerciful.
*from the deceitful and unjust man. ² For Heb. from a man of deceit and iniquity.
thou *art* the God of my strength: why dost thou cast me off? why go I mourning because of the oppression of the enemy?

³ O send out thy light and thy truth: let them lead me; let them bring me unto thy holy hill, and to thy tabernacles. ⁴ Then will I go unto the altar of God, unto God *my exceeding joy: yea, upon the Heb. the gladness of my joy.
harp will I praise thee, O God my God.

⁵ Why art thou cast down, O my soul? and why art thou disquieted within me? hope in God: for I shall yet praise him, *who is* the health of my countenance, and my God.

XLIV. To the chief Musician for the sons of Korah, Maschil.

WE have heard with our ears, O God, our fathers have told us, *what* work thou didst in their days, in the times of old. ² *How* thou didst drive out the heathen with thy hand, and plantedst them; *how* thou didst afflict the people, and cast them out. ³ For they got not the land in possession by their own sword, neither did their own arm save them: but thy right hand, and thine arm, and the light of thy countenance, because thou hadst a favour unto them.

⁴ Thou art my king, O God: command deliverances for Jacob. ⁵ Through thee will we push down our

enemies: through thy name will we tread them under that rise up against us. ⁶ For I will not trust in my bow, neither shall my sword save me. ⁷ But thou hast saved us from our enemies, and hast put them to shame that hated us. ⁸ In God we boast all the day long, and praise thy name for ever. Selah.

⁹ But thou hast cast off, and put us to shame; and goest not forth with our armies. ¹⁰ Thou makest us to turn back from the enemy: and they which hate us spoil for themselves. ¹¹ Thou hast given us *like ^{Heb. as sheep of meat.} sheep *appointed* for meat; and hast scattered us among the heathen. ¹² Thou sellest thy people *for ^{Heb. without riches.} nought, and dost not increase *thy wealth* by their price. ¹³ Thou makest us a reproach to our neighbours, a scorn and a derision to them that are round about us. ¹⁴ Thou makest us a byword among the heathen, a shaking of the head among the people. ¹⁵ My confusion is continually before me, and the shame of my face hath covered me, ¹⁶ for the voice of him that reproacheth and blasphemeth; by reason of the enemy and avenger.

¹⁷ All this is come upon us; yet have we not forgotten thee, neither have we dealt falsely in thy covenant. ¹⁸ Our heart is not turned back, neither have our *steps declined from thy way; ¹⁹ though ^{Or, goings.} thou hast sore broken us in the place of dragons, and covered us with the shadow of death.

²⁰ If we have forgotten the name of our God, or stretched out our hands to a strange god; ²¹ shall not God search this out? for he knoweth the secrets of the heart. ²² Yea, for thy sake are we killed all the day long; we are counted as sheep for the slaughter. ²³ Awake, why sleepest thou, O Lord? arise, cast us not off for ever. ²⁴ Wherefore hidest thou thy face, and forgettest our affliction and our oppression? ²⁵ For our

soul is bowed down to the dust : our belly cleaveth unto the earth.

²⁶ Arise *for our help, and redeem us for thy ^{Heb. a help for us.} mercies' sake.

XLV. To the chief Musician upon Shoshannim, for the sons of Korah, *Maschil, A Song of loves. ^{Or, of instruction.}

My heart *is inditing a good matter : I ^{Heb. boileth, or, bubbleth up.} speak of the things which I have made touching the king : my tongue *is* the pen of a ready writer.

² Thou art fairer than the children of men : grace is poured into thy lips : therefore God hath blessed thee for ever.

³ Gird thy sword upon *thy* thigh, O *most* mighty, with thy glory and thy majesty. ⁴ And in thy majesty *ride prosperously because of truth and ^{Heb. prosper thou, ride thou.} meekness *and* righteousness ; and thy right hand shall teach thee terrible things. ⁵ Thine arrows *are* sharp in the heart of the king's enemies ; *whereby* the people fall under thee.

⁶ Thy throne, O God, *is* for ever and ever : the sceptre of thy kingdom *is* a right sceptre. ⁷ Thou lovest righteousness, and hatest wickedness : therefore *God, thy God, hath anointed thee with the oil ^{Or, O God.} of gladness above thy fellows. ⁸ All thy garments *smell* of myrrh, and aloes, *and* cassia, out of the ivory palaces, whereby they have made thee glad. ⁹ Kings' daughters *were* among thy honourable women : upon thy right hand did stand the queen in gold of Ophir.

¹⁰ Hearken, O daughter, and consider, and incline thine ear ; forget also thine own people, and thy father's house ; ¹¹ so shall the king greatly desire thy beauty : for he *is* thy Lord ; and worship thou him.

¹² And the daughter of Tyre *shall be there* with a

gift; *even* the rich among the people shall intreat
 *thy favour.

Heb. thy face.

¹³ The king's daughter *is* all glorious within: her
 clothing *is* of wrought gold. ¹⁴ She shall be brought
 unto the king in raiment of needlework: the virgins
 her companions that follow her shall be brought unto
 thee. ¹⁵ With gladness and rejoicing shall they be
 brought: they shall enter into the king's palace. ¹⁶ In-
 stead of thy fathers shall be thy children, whom thou
 mayest make princes in all the earth. ¹⁷ I will make
 thy name to be remembered in all generations: there-
 fore shall the people praise thee for ever and ever.

XLVI. To the chief Musician *for the sons of Korah, Or, of.
 A Song upon Alamoth.

GOD *is* our refuge and strength, a very present help
 in trouble. ² Therefore will not we fear, though the
 earth be removed, and though the mountains be car-
 ried into *the midst of the sea; ³ *though* the <sup>*Heb. the heart
of the seas.*</sup> waters thereof roar *and* be troubled, *though* the moun-
 tains shake with the swelling thereof. Selah.

⁴ *There is* a river, the streams whereof shall make
 glad the city of God, the holy *place* of the tabernacles
 of the most High. ⁵ God *is* in the midst of her; she shall
 not be moved: God shall help her, **and* <sup>*Heb. when the
morning appeareth.*</sup> *that* right early. ⁶ The heathen raged, the kingdoms
 were moved: he uttered his voice, the earth melted.
⁷ The LORD of hosts *is* with us; the God of Jacob *is*
 *our refuge. Selah.

Heb. an high place for us.

⁸ Come, behold the works of the LORD, what deso-
 lations he hath made in the earth. ⁹ He maketh wars
 to cease unto the end of the earth; he breaketh the
 bow, and cutteth the spear in sunder: he burneth the
 chariot in the fire.

¹⁰ Be still, and know that I *am* God: I will be exalted among the heathen, I will be exalted in the earth. ¹¹ The LORD of hosts *is* with us; the God of Jacob *is* our refuge. Selah.

XLVII. To the chief Musician, A Psalm *for the Or, of.
sons of Korah.

O CLAP your hands, all ye people; shout unto God with the voice of triumph. ² For the LORD most high *is* terrible; *he is* a great King over all the earth.

³ He shall subdue the people under us, and the nations under our feet. ⁴ He shall choose our inheritance for us, the excellency of Jacob whom he loved. Selah.

⁵ God is gone up with a shout, the LORD with the sound of a trumpet.

⁶ Sing praises to God, sing praises: sing praises unto our King, sing praises.

⁷ For God *is* the King of all the earth: sing ye praises *with understanding. ⁸ God reigneth Or, every one that hath understanding. over the heathen: God sitteth upon the throne of his holiness. ⁹ * The princes of the people Or, The voluntary of the people are gathered unto the people of the God of Abraham. are gathered together, *even* the people of the God of Abraham: for the shields of the earth *belong* unto God: he is greatly exalted.

XLVIII. A Song *and* Psalm *for the sons of Korah. Or, of.

GREAT *is* the LORD, and greatly to be praised in the city of our God, *in* the mountain of his holiness.

² Beautiful for situation, the joy of the whole earth, *is* mount Zion, *on* the sides of the north, the city of the great King. ³ God is known in her palaces for a refuge.

⁴ For, lo, the kings were assembled, they passed by together. ⁵ They saw *it*, *and* so they marvelled; they were troubled, *and* hasted away. ⁶ Fear took hold

upon them there, *and* pain, as of a woman in travail.
⁷Thou breakest the ships of Tarshish with an east wind. ⁸As we have heard, so have we seen in the city of the LORD of hosts, in the city of our God: God will establish it for ever. Selah.

⁹We have thought of thy lovingkindness, O God, in the midst of thy temple. ¹⁰According to thy name, O God, so *is* thy praise unto the ends of the earth: thy right hand is full of righteousness.

¹¹Let mount Zion rejoice, let the daughters of Judah be glad, because of thy judgments. ¹²Walk about Zion, and go round about her: tell the towers thereof.
¹³*Mark ye well her bulwarks, *con- Heb. Set your heart to her bulwarks. Or, raise up. sider her palaces; that ye may tell *it* to the generation following.

¹⁴For this God *is* our God for ever and ever: he will be our guide *even* unto death.

XLIX. To the chief Musician, A Psalm *for
 the sons of Korah.

Or, of.

HEAR this, all *ye* people; give ear, all *ye* inhabitants of the world: ²both low and high, rich and poor, together. ³My mouth shall speak of wisdom; and the meditation of my heart *shall be* of understanding. ⁴I will incline mine ear to a parable: I will open my dark saying upon the harp. ⁵Wherefore should I fear in the days of evil, *when* the iniquity of my heels shall compass me about?

⁶They that trust in their wealth, and boast themselves in the multitude of their riches; ⁷none *of them* can by any means redeem his brother, nor give to God a ransom for him: ⁸(for the redemption of their soul *is* precious, and it ceaseth for ever:) ⁹that he should still live for ever, *and* not see corruption.

¹⁰For he seeth *that* wise men die, likewise the fool

and the brutish person perish, and leave their wealth to others. ¹¹ Their inward thought *is, that* their houses *shall continue* for ever, *and* their dwelling places ^{Heb. to generation and generation.} **to* all generations; they call *their* lands after their own names. ¹² Nevertheless man *being* in honour abideth not: he is like the beasts *that* perish.

¹³ This their way *is* their folly: yet their posterity **approve* their sayings. Selah. ^{Heb. delight in their mouth.}

¹⁴ Like sheep they are laid in the grave; death shall feed on them: and the upright shall have dominion over them in the morning; and their **beauty* ^{Or, strength.} shall consume **in* the grave from ^{Or, the grave being an habitation to every one of them.} their dwelling. ¹⁵ But God will redeem my soul **from* the power of **the* grave: for he ^{Heb. from the hand of the grave.} *shall* receive me. Selah. ^{Or, hell.}

¹⁶ Be not thou afraid when one is made rich, when the glory of his house is increased; ¹⁷ for when he dieth he shall carry nothing away: his glory shall not descend after him. ¹⁸ Though **while* he lived he ^{Heb. in his life.} blessed his soul: and *men* will praise thee, when thou doest well to thyself. ¹⁹ **He* shall go to the ^{Heb. The souls shall go.} generation of his fathers; they shall never see light.

²⁰ Man *that is* in honour, and understandeth not, is like the beasts *that* perish.

L. A Psalm **of* Asaph.

Or, *for* Asaph.

THE mighty God, *even* the LORD, hath spoken, and called the earth from the rising of the sun unto the going down thereof. ² Out of Zion, the perfection of beauty, God hath shined.

³ Our God shall come, and shall not keep silence: a fire shall devour before him, and it shall be very tempestuous round about him. ⁴ He shall call to the heavens from above, and to the earth, that he may

judge his people. ⁵ Gather my saints together unto me; those that have made a covenant with me by sacrifice. ⁶ And the heavens shall declare his righteousness: for God *is* judge himself. Selah.

⁷ Hear, O my people, and I will speak; O Israel, and I will testify against thee: I *am* God, *even* thy God. ⁸ I will not reprove thee for thy sacrifices or thy burnt offerings, *to have been* continually before me. ⁹ I will take no bullock out of thy house, *nor* he goats out of thy folds. ¹⁰ For every beast of the forest *is* mine, *and* the cattle upon a thousand hills. ¹¹ I know all the fowls of the mountains: and the wild beasts of the field *are* * mine. ¹² If I were hungry, I would ^{Heb. with me.} not tell thee: for the world *is* mine, and the fulness thereof. ¹³ Will I eat the flesh of bulls, or drink the blood of goats?

¹⁴ Offer unto God thanksgiving; and pay thy vows unto the most High: ¹⁵ and call upon me in the day of trouble: I will deliver thee, and thou shalt glorify me.

¹⁶ But unto the wicked God saith, What hast thou to do to declare my statutes, or *that* thou shouldest take my covenant in thy mouth? ¹⁷ Seeing thou hatest instruction, and castest my words behind thee. ¹⁸ When thou sawest a thief, then thou consentedst with him, and * hast been partaker with adulterers. ^{Heb. thy portion was with adulterers.}

¹⁹ * Thou givest thy mouth to evil, and thy tongue ^{Heb. Thou sendest.} frameth deceit. ²⁰ Thou sittest *and* speakest against thy brother; thou slanderest thine own mother's son. ²¹ These *things* hast thou done, and I kept silence; thou thoughtest that I was altogether *such an one* as thyself: *but* I will reprove thee, and set *them* in order before thine eyes.

²² Now consider this, ye that forget God, lest I tear *you* in pieces, and *there be* none to deliver.

²³ Whoso offereth praise glorifieth me: and to him

*that ordereth *his* conversation *aright* will I ^{Heb. *that disposeth his way.*} shew the salvation of God.

LI. To the chief Musician, A Psalm of David, when Nathan the prophet came unto him, after he had gone in to Bath-sheba.

HAVE mercy upon me, O God, according to thy lovingkindness: according unto the multitude of thy tender mercies blot out my transgressions. ² Wash me thoroughly from mine iniquity, and cleanse me from my sin. ³ For I acknowledge my transgressions: and my sin *is* ever before me.

⁴ Against thee, thee only, have I sinned, and done *this* evil in thy sight; that thou mightest be justified when thou speakest, *and* be clear when thou judgest.

⁵ Behold, I was shapen in iniquity; and in sin did my mother *conceive me. ⁶ Behold, thou desirest ^{Heb. *warm me.*} truth in the inward parts: and in the hidden *part* thou shalt make me to know wisdom.

⁷ Purge me with hyssop, and I shall be clean: wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow. ⁸ Make me to hear joy and gladness; *that* the bones *which* thou hast broken may rejoice. ⁹ Hide thy face from my sins, and blot out all mine iniquities.

¹⁰ Create in me a clean heart, O God; and renew *a right spirit within me. ¹¹ Cast me not away ^{Or, *a constant spirit.*} from thy presence; and take not thy holy spirit from me. ¹² Restore unto me the joy of thy salvation; and uphold me *with thy* free spirit.

¹³ *Then* will I teach transgressors thy ways; and sinners shall be converted unto thee. ¹⁴ Deliver me from *bloodguiltiness, O God, thou God of ^{Heb. *bloods.*} my salvation: *and* my tongue shall sing aloud of thy righteousness.

¹⁵ O Lord, open thou my lips; and my mouth shall shew forth thy praise.

¹⁶For thou desirest not sacrifice; *else would ^{Or, that I should give it.} I give *it*: thou delightest not in burnt offering. ¹⁷The sacrifices of God *are* a broken spirit: a broken and a contrite heart, O God, thou wilt not despise.

¹⁸Do good in thy good pleasure unto Zion: build thou the walls of Jerusalem. ¹⁹Then shalt thou be pleased with the sacrifices of righteousness, with burnt offering and whole burnt offering: then shall they offer bullocks upon thine altar.

LII. To the chief Musician, Maschil, *A Psalm* of David, when Doeg the Edomite came and told Saul, and said unto him, David is come to the house of Ahimelech.

WHY boastest thou thyself in mischief, O mighty man? the goodness of God *endureth* continually. ²Thy tongue deviseth mischief; like a sharp razor, working deceitfully. ³Thou lovest evil more than good: *and* lying rather than to speak righteousness. Selah. ⁴Thou lovest all devouring words, *O *thou* ^{Or, and the} deceitful tongue.

⁵God shall likewise *destroy thee for ever, he ^{Heb. beat thee down.} shall take thee away, and pluck thee out of *thy* dwelling place, and root thee out of the land of the living. Selah.

⁶The righteous also shall see, and fear, and shall laugh at him: ⁷lo, *this is* the man *that* made not God his strength; but trusted in the abundance of his riches, *and* strengthened himself in his *wickedness. ^{Or, substance.}

⁸But I *am* like a green olive tree in the house of God: I trust in the mercy of God for ever and ever. ⁹I will praise thee for ever, because thou hast done *it*: and I will wait on thy name; for *it is* good before thy saints.

LIII. To the chief Musician upon Mahalath, Maschil,
A Psalm of David.

THE fool hath said in his heart, *There is no God.* Corrupt are they, and have done abominable iniquity: *there is none that doeth good.*

² God looked down from heaven upon the children of men, to see if there were *any* that did understand, that did seek God. ³ Every one of them is gone back: they are altogether become filthy; *there is none that doeth good, no, not one.*

⁴ Have the workers of iniquity no knowledge? who eat up my people *as* they eat bread: they have not called upon God. ⁵ There ^{*}were they in great ^{Heb. they feared a fear.} fear, *where* no fear was: for God hath scattered the bones of him that encampeth *against* thee: thou hast put *them* to shame, because God hath despised them.

⁶ ^{*}Oh that the salvation of Israel *were come* ^{Heb. Who will give salvations, &c.} out of Zion! When God bringeth back the captivity of his people, Jacob shall rejoice, *and* Israel shall be glad.

LIV. To the chief Musician on Neginoth, Maschil,
A Psalm of David, when the Ziphims came and said to Saul,
 Doth not David hide himself with us?

SAVE me, O God, by thy name, and judge me by thy strength. ² Hear my prayer, O God; give ear to the words of my mouth. ³ For strangers are risen up against me, and oppressors seek after my soul: they have not set God before them. Selah.

⁴ Behold, God *is* mine helper: the LORD *is* with them that uphold my soul. ⁵ He shall reward evil unto ^{*}mine enemies: cut them off in thy ^{Heb. those that observe me.} truth. ⁶ I will freely sacrifice unto thee: I will praise

thy name, O LORD; for *it is* good. ⁷For he hath delivered me out of all trouble: and mine eye hath seen *his desire* upon mine enemies.

LV. To the chief Musician on Neginoth, Maschil,
A Psalm of David.

GIVE ear to my prayer, O God; and hide not thyself from my supplication. ²Attend unto me, and hear me: I mourn in my complaint, and make a noise; ³because of the voice of the enemy, because of the oppression of the wicked: for they cast iniquity upon me, and in wrath they hate me.

⁴My heart is sore pained within me: and the terrors of death are fallen upon me. ⁵Fearfulness and trembling are come upon me, and horror hath ^{*}overwhelmed me.

Heb. covered me.

⁶And I said, Oh that I had wings like a dove! *for then* would I fly away, and be at rest. ⁷Lo, *then* would I wander far off, *and* remain in the wilderness. Selah. ⁸I would hasten my escape from the windy storm *and* tempest.

⁹Destroy, O Lord, *and* divide their tongues: for I have seen violence and strife in the city. ¹⁰Day and night they go about it upon the walls thereof: mischief also and sorrow *are* in the midst of it. ¹¹Wickedness *is* in the midst thereof: deceit and guile depart not from her streets.

¹²For *it was* not an enemy *that* reproached me; then I could have borne *it*: neither *was it* he that hated me *that* did magnify *himself* against me; then I would have hid myself from him: ¹³but *it was* thou, ^{*}a ^{Heb. a man according to my rank.}

man mine equal, my guide, and mine acquaintance. ¹⁴^{*}We took sweet counsel together, *and* ^{Heb. Who sweetened counsel.} walked unto the house of God in company.

¹⁵ Let death seize upon them, *and* let them go down quick into *hell: for wickedness *is* in their dwell-^{Or, the grave.} ings, *and* among them.

¹⁶ As for me, I will call upon God; and the LORD shall save me. ¹⁷ Evening, and morning, and at noon, will I pray, and cry aloud: and he shall hear my voice.

¹⁸ He hath delivered my soul in peace from the battle *that was* against me: for there were many with me. ¹⁹ God shall hear, and afflict them, even he that abideth of old. Selah.

* Because they have no changes,^{Or, With whom also there be no changes, yet they fear not God.} therefore they fear not God. ²⁰ He hath put forth his hands against such as be at peace with him: * he^{Heb. he hath profaned.} hath broken his covenant. ²¹ *The words* of his mouth were smother than butter, but war *was* in his heart: his words were softer than oil, yet *were* they drawn swords.

²² Cast thy *burden upon the LORD, and he^{Or, gift.} shall sustain thee: he shall never suffer the righteous to be moved. ²³ But thou, O God, shalt bring them down into the pit of destruction: *bloody^{Heb. men of bloods and deceit.} and deceitful men *shall not live out half^{Heb. shall not half their days.} their days; but I will trust in thee.

LVI. To the chief Musician upon Jonath-clem-rechokim, *Michtam of David, when the Philistines took him in Gath.^{Or, a golden Psalm of David.}

BE merciful unto me, O God: for man would swallow me up; he fighting daily oppresseth me. ² * Mine enemies would daily swallow *me* up:^{Heb. Mine observers.} for *they be* many that fight against me, O thou most High.

³ What time I am afraid, I will trust in thee. ⁴ In God I will praise his word, in God I have put my trust; I will not fear what flesh can do unto me.

⁵ Every day they wrest my words: all their thoughts *are* against me for evil. ⁶ They gather themselves together, they hide themselves, they mark my steps, when they wait for my soul.

⁷ Shall they escape by iniquity? in *thine* anger cast down the people, O God.

⁸ Thou tellest my wanderings: put thou my tears into thy bottle: *are they* not in thy book? ⁹ When I cry *unto thee*, then shall mine enemies turn back: this I know; for God *is* for me. ¹⁰ In God will I praise *his* word: in the LORD will I praise *his* word. ¹¹ In God have I put my trust: I will not be afraid what man can do unto me. ¹² Thy vows *are* upon me, O God: I will render praises unto thee.

¹³ For thou hast delivered my soul from death: *wilt* not *thou deliver* my feet from falling, that I may walk before God in the light of the living?

LVII. To the chief Musician, *Al-taschith, Michtam Or, *Destroy not, A golden Psalm.*
of David, when he fled from Saul in the cave.

BE merciful unto me, O God, be merciful unto me: for my soul trusteth in thee: yea, in the shadow of thy wings will I make my refuge, until *these* calamities be overpast. ² I will cry unto God most high; unto God that performeth *all things* for me.

³ He shall send from heaven, and save me ^{*from} the reproach of him that would swallow Or, *he reproacheth him that would swallow me up.* me up. Selah. God shall send forth his mercy and his truth.

⁴ My soul *is* among lions: *and* I lie *even* among them that are set on fire, *even* the sons of men, whose teeth *are* spears and arrows, and their tongue a sharp sword.

⁵ Be thou exalted, O God, above the heavens; *let thy glory be above all the earth.*

⁶ They have prepared a net for my steps; my soul is bowed down: they have digged a pit before me, into the midst whereof they are fallen *themselves*. Selah.

⁷ My heart is *fixed, O God, my heart is *Or, prepared.* fixed: I will sing and give praise. ⁸ Awake up, my glory; awake, psaltery and harp: I *myself* will awake early. ⁹ I will praise thee, O Lord, among the people: I will sing unto thee among the nations. ¹⁰ For thy mercy *is* great unto the heavens, and thy truth unto the clouds.

¹¹ Be thou exalted, O God, above the heavens: *let thy glory be above all the earth.*

LVIII. To the chief Musician, *Al-taschith,
Michtam of David.

*Or, Destroy not, A golden
Psalm of David.*

Do ye indeed speak righteousness, O congregation? do ye judge uprightly, O ye sons of men? ² Yea, in heart ye work wickedness; ye weigh the violence of your hands in the earth.

³ The wicked are estranged from the womb: they go astray *as soon as they be born, speaking *Heb. from the belly.* lies. ⁴ Their poison *is* *like the poison of *Heb. according to the likeness.* a serpent: *they are* like the deaf *adder *that* *Or, asp.* stoppeth her ear; ⁵ which will not hearken to the voice of charmers, *charming never so wisely. *Or, be the charmer never so cunning.*

⁶ Break their teeth, O God, in their mouth: break out the great teeth of the young lions, O LORD. ⁷ Let them melt away as waters *which* run continually: *when* he bendeth *his bow* to shoot his arrows, let them be as cut in pieces. ⁸ As a snail *which* melteth, let *every one of them* pass away: *like* the untimely birth of a woman, *that* they may not see the sun. ⁹ Before

your pots can feel the thorns, he shall take them away as with a whirlwind, * both living, and in *his* Heb. as living as wrath. wrath.

¹⁰ The righteous shall rejoice when he seeth the vengeance: he shall wash his feet in the blood of the wicked. ¹¹ So that a man shall say, Verily, *there is* * a reward for the righteous: verily he is a Heb. fruit of the, &c. God that judgeth in the earth.

LIX. To the chief Musician, *Al-taschith, Or, Destroy not, A golden Psalm of David. Michtam of David; when Saul sent, and they watched the house to kill him.

DELIVER me from mine enemies, O my God: * defend me from them that rise up against Heb. set me on high. me. ² Deliver me from the workers of iniquity, and save me from bloody men.

³ For, lo, they lie in wait for my soul: the mighty are gathered against me; not *for* my transgression, nor *for* my sin, O LORD. ⁴ They run and prepare themselves without *my* fault: awake * to help me, Heb. to meet me. and behold.

⁵ Thou, therefore, O LORD God of hosts, the God of Israel, awake to visit all the heathen: be not merciful to any wicked transgressors. Selah.

⁶ They return at evening: they make a noise like a dog, and go round about the city. ⁷ Behold, they belch out with their mouth: swords *are* in their lips: for who, *say they*, doth hear?

⁸ But thou, O LORD, shalt laugh at them; thou shalt have all the heathen in derision.

⁹ *Because of* his strength will I wait upon thee: for God *is* * my defence. ¹⁰ The God of my mercy Heb. my high place. shall prevent me: God shall let me see *my desire* upon * mine enemies. Heb. mine observers.

¹¹ Slay them not, lest my people forget: scatter them

by thy power; and bring them down, O Lord our shield. ¹² *For* the sin of their mouth *and* the words of their lips let them even be taken in their pride: and for cursing and lying *which* they speak. ¹³ Consume *them* in wrath, consume *them*, that they *may* not be: and let them know that God ruleth in Jacob unto the ends of the earth. Selah. ¹⁴ And at evening let them return; *and* let them make a noise like a dog, and go round about the city. ¹⁵ Let them wander up and down *for meat, *and grudge if they ^{Heb. to eat.} Or, *if they be not satisfied, then they will stay all night.* be not satisfied.

¹⁶ But I will sing of thy power; yea, I will sing aloud of thy mercy in the morning: for thou hast been my defence and refuge in the day of my trouble. ¹⁷ Unto thee, O my strength, will I sing: for God *is* my defence, *and* the God of my mercy.

LX. To the chief Musician upon Shushan-eduth, *Michtam ^{Or, A golden Psalm.} of David, to teach; when he strove with Aram-naharaim and with Aram-zobah, when Joab returned, and smote of Edom in the Valley of Salt twelve thousand.

O God, thou hast cast us off, thou hast *scat- ^{Heb. broken.} tered us, thou hast been displeased; O turn thyself to us again. ² Thou hast made the earth to tremble; thou hast broken it: heal the breaches thereof; for it shaketh. ³ Thou hast shewed thy people hard things: thou hast made us to drink the wine of astonishment. ⁴ Thou hast given a banner to them that fear thee, that it may be displayed because of the truth. Selah.

⁵ That thy beloved may be delivered; save *with* thy right hand, and hear me.

⁶ God hath spoken in his holiness; I will rejoice, I will divide Shechem, and mete out the valley of Succoth. ⁷ Gilead *is* mine, and Manasseh *is* mine; Ephraim also *is* the strength of mine head; Judah *is*

my lawgiver; ⁸ Moab *is* my washpot; over Edom will I cast out my shoe: Philistia, *triumph Or, triumph thou over me. thou because of me.

⁹ Who will bring me *into* the *strong city? Heb. city of strength. who will lead me into Edom? ¹⁰ *Wilt* not thou, O God, *which* hadst cast us off? and *thou*, O God, *which* didst not go out with our armies? ¹¹ Give us help from trouble: for vain *is* the *help of man. Heb. salvation.

¹² Through God we shall do valiantly: for he *it is that* shall tread down our enemies.

LXI. To the chief Musician upon Neginah, *A Psalm* of David.

HEAR my cry, O God; attend unto my prayer.

² From the end of the earth will I cry unto thee, when my heart is overwhelmed: lead me to the rock *that* is higher than I. ³ For thou hast been a shelter for me, *and* a strong tower from the enemy. ⁴ I will abide in thy tabernacle for ever: I will *trust Or, make my refuge. in the covert of thy wings. Selah.

⁵ For thou, O God, hast heard my vows: thou hast given *me* the heritage of those that fear thy name.

⁶ *Thou wilt prolong the king's life: *and* Heb. Thou shalt add days to the days of the king. his years *as many generations. ⁷ He shall Heb. as generation and generation. abide before God for ever: O prepare mercy and truth, *which* may preserve him. ⁸ So will I sing praise unto thy name for ever, that I may daily perform my vows.

LXII. To the chief Musician, to Jeduthun, *A Psalm* of David.

*TRULY my soul *waiteth upon God: from Or, Only. Heb. is silent. him *cometh* my salvation. ² He only *is* my rock and my salvation; *he is* my *defence; I shall not Heb. high place. be greatly moved.

³ How long will ye imagine mischief against a man?

ye shall be slain all of you: as a bowing wall *shall ye be, and as a tottering fence.* ⁴ They only consult to cast *him* down from his excellency: they delight in lies: they bless with their mouth, but they curse ^{*inwardly.} Selah. *Heb. in their inward parts.*

⁵ My soul, wait thou only upon God; for my expectation *is* from him. ⁶ He only *is* my rock and my salvation: *he is* my defence; I shall not be moved. ⁷ In God *is* my salvation and my glory: the rock of my strength, *and* my refuge, *is* in God.

⁸ Trust in him at all times; ye people, pour out your heart before him: God *is* a refuge for us. Selah.

⁹ Surely men of low degree *are* vanity, *and* men of high degree *are* a lie: to be laid in the balance, they *are* ^{*altogether} *lighter* than vanity. ¹⁰ Trust not *Or, alike.* in oppression, and become not vain in robbery: if riches increase, set not your heart *upon them.*

¹¹ God hath spoken once; twice have I heard this; that ^{*power} *belongeth* unto God. *Or, strength.*

¹² Also unto thee, O LORD, *belongeth* mercy: for thou renderest to every man according to his work.

LXIII. A Psalm of David, when he was in the wilderness of Judah.

O God, thou *art* my God; early will I seek thee: my soul thirsteth for thee, my flesh longeth for thee in a dry and ^{*thirsty} land, ^{*where} no water *Heb. weary.*
Heb. without water. is; ² to see thy power and thy glory, so *as* I have seen thee in the sanctuary.

³ Because thy lovingkindness *is* better than life, my lips shall praise thee. ⁴ Thus will I bless thee while I live; I will lift up my hands in thy name.

⁵ My soul shall be satisfied as *with* ^{*marrow} *Heb. fatness.* and fatness; and my mouth shall praise *thee* with

joyful lips: ⁶when I remember thee upon my bed, *and* meditate on thee in the *night* watches.

⁷Because thou hast been my help, therefore in the shadow of thy wings will I rejoice. ⁸My soul followeth hard after thee: thy right hand upholdeth me.

⁹But those *that* seek my soul, to destroy *it*, shall go into the lower parts of the earth. ¹⁰* They ^{Heb. They shall make him run out like water by the hands of the sword.} shall fall by the sword: they shall be a portion for foxes. ¹¹But the king shall rejoice in God; every one that sweareth by him shall glory: but the mouth of them that speak lies shall be stopped.

LXIV. To the chief Musician, A Psalm of David.

HEAR my voice, O God, in my prayer: preserve my life from fear of the enemy. ²Hide me from the secret counsel of the wicked; from the insurrection of the workers of iniquity: ³who whet their tongue like a sword, *and* bend *their bows to shoot* their arrows, *even* bitter words: ⁴that they may shoot in secret at the perfect: suddenly do they shoot at him, and fear not. ⁵They encourage themselves *in* an evil *matter: they commune *of laying snares ^{Or, speech. Heb. to hide snares.} privily; they say, Who shall see them? ⁶They search out iniquities; *they accomplish ^{Or, we are consumed by that which they have thoroughly searched.} a diligent search: both the inward *thought* ^{Heb. a search searched.} of every one *of them*, and the heart, *is* deep.

⁷But God shall shoot at them *with* an arrow; suddenly *shall they be wounded. ⁸So they ^{Heb. their wound shall be.} shall make their own tongue to fall upon themselves: all that see them shall flee away. ⁹And all men shall fear, and shall declare the work of God; for they shall wisely consider of his doing.

¹⁰The righteous shall be glad in the LORD, and

shall trust in him; and all the upright in heart shall glory.

LXV. To the chief Musician, A Psalm *and* Song of David.

PRAISE *waiteth for thee, O God, in Sion: and ^{Heb. is silent.} unto thee shall the vow be performed.

²O thou that hearest prayer, unto thee shall all flesh come.

³*Iniquities prevail against me: *as for* ^{Heb. Words, or, Matters of iniquities.} our transgressions, thou shalt purge them away.

⁴Blessed *is the man whom* thou choosest, and causest to approach *unto thee, that* he may dwell in thy courts: we shall be satisfied with the goodness of thy house, *even* of thy holy temple.

⁵*By* terrible things in righteousness wilt thou answer us, O God of our salvation; *who art* the confidence of all the ends of the earth, and of them that are afar off *upon* the sea: ⁶which by his strength setteth fast the mountains; *being* girded with power: ⁷which stilleth the noise of the seas, the noise of their waves, and the tumult of the people. ⁸They also that dwell in the uttermost parts are afraid at thy tokens: thou makest the outgoings of the morning and evening ^{*to} ^{Or, to sing.} rejoice. ⁹Thou visitest the earth, and ^{*water-} ^{Or, after thou hadst made it to desire rain.} est it: thou greatly enrichest it with the river of God, *which* is full of water: thou preparest them corn, when thou hast so provided for it. ¹⁰Thou waterest the ridges thereof abundantly: ^{*thou} ^{Or, thou causest rain to descend into the furrows thereof.} settlest the furrows thereof: ^{*thou} makest it ^{Heb. thou dissolvest it.} soft with showers: thou blessest the springing thereof.

¹¹Thou crownest ^{*the year with thy good-} ^{Heb. the year of thy goodness.} ness; and thy paths drop fatness. ¹²They drop *upon* the pastures of the wilderness: and the little hills ^{*rejoice on every side.} ¹³The pastures are ^{Heb. are girded with joy.}

clothed with flocks; the valleys also are covered over with corn; they shout for joy, they also sing.

LXVI. To the chief Musician, A Song *or* Psalm.

MAKE a joyful noise unto God, *all ye lands: ^{Heb. all the earth.} ² sing forth the honour of his name: make his praise glorious. ³ Say unto God, How terrible *art thou in thy* works! through the greatness of thy power shall thine enemies *submit themselves unto thee. ^{Or, yield feigned obedience. Heb. lie.} ⁴ All the earth shall worship thee, and shall sing unto thee; they shall sing *to thy name.* Selah.

⁵ Come and see the works of God: *he is terrible in his* doing toward the children of men. ⁶ He turned the sea into dry *land*: they went through the flood on foot: there did we rejoice in him. ⁷ He ruleth by his power for ever; his eyes behold the nations: let not the rebellious exalt themselves. Selah.

⁸ O bless our God, ye people, and make the voice of his praise to be heard: ⁹ which *holdeth our ^{Heb. putteth.} soul in life, and suffereth not our feet to be moved.

¹⁰ For thou, O God, hast proved us: thou hast tried us, as silver is tried. ¹¹ Thou broughtest us into the net; thou laidst affliction upon our loins. ¹² Thou hast caused men to ride over our heads; we went through fire and through water: but thou broughtest us out into a *wealthy *place.* ¹³ I will go into thy ^{Heb. moist.} house with burnt offerings: I will pay thee my vows, ¹⁴ which my lips have *uttered, and my mouth ^{Heb. opened.} hath spoken, when I was in trouble. ¹⁵ I will offer unto thee burnt sacrifices of *fatlings, with the in- ^{Heb. marrow.} cense of rams; I will offer bullocks with goats. Selah.

¹⁶ Come *and* hear, all ye that fear God, and I will declare what he hath done for my soul. ¹⁷ I cried unto him with my mouth, and he was extolled with my tongue.

¹⁸ If I regard iniquity in my heart, the Lord will not hear *me*: ¹⁹ *but* verily God hath heard *me*; he hath attended to the voice of my prayer. ²⁰ Blessed *be* God, which hath not turned away my prayer, nor his mercy from me.

LXVII. To the chief Musician on Neginoth, A Psalm *or* Song.

GOD be merciful unto us, and bless us; *and* cause his face to shine ^{*}upon us. Selah. ² That Heb. with us. thy way may be known upon earth, thy saving health among all nations.

³ Let the people praise thee, O God; let all the people praise thee. ⁴ O let the nations be glad and sing for joy: for thou shalt judge the people righteously, and ^{*}govern the nations upon earth. Heb. lead. Selah.

⁵ Let the people praise thee, O God; let all the people praise thee. ⁶ *Then* shall the earth yield her increase; *and* God, *even* our own God, shall bless us.

⁷ God shall bless us; and all the ends of the earth shall fear him.

LXVIII. To the chief Musician, A Psalm *or* Song of David.

LET God arise, let his enemies be scattered: let them also that hate him flee ^{*}before him. ² As Heb. from his face. smoke is driven away, *so* drive *them* away: as wax melteth before the fire, *so* let the wicked perish at the presence of God.

³ But let the righteous be glad; let them rejoice before God: yea, let them ^{*}exceedingly rejoice. Heb. rejoice with gladness.

⁴ Sing unto God, sing praises to his name: extol him that rideth upon the heavens by his name JAH, and rejoice before him.

⁵ A father of the fatherless, and a judge of the widows, *is* God in his holy habitation.

⁶ God setteth the solitary *in families: he Heb. in a house. bringeth out those which are bound with chains: but the rebellious dwell in a dry *land*.

⁷ O God, when thou wentest forth before thy people, when thou didst march through the wilderness; Selah: ⁸ the earth shook, the heavens also dropped at the presence of God: *even* Sinai itself *was moved* at the presence of God, the God of Israel. ⁹ Thou, O God, didst *send a plentiful rain, whereby thou didst Heb. shake out. *confirm thine inheritance, when it was weary. Heb. confirm it.

¹⁰ Thy congregation hath dwelt therein: thou, O God, hast prepared of thy goodness for the poor. ¹¹ The LORD gave the word: great *was* the *company Heb. army. of those that published *it*. ¹² Kings of armies *did Heb. did flee, did flee. flee apace: and she that tarried at home divided the spoil.

¹³ Though ye have lien among the pots, *yet shall ye be as* the wings of a dove covered with silver, and her feathers with yellow gold. ¹⁴ When the Almighty scattered kings *in it, it was *white* as snow in Or, for her, she was. Salmon.

¹⁵ The hill of God *is as* the hill of Bashan; an high hill *as* the hill of Bashan. ¹⁶ Why leap ye, ye high hills? *this is* the hill *which* God desireth to dwell in; yea, the LORD will dwell *in it* for ever. ¹⁷ The chariots of God *are* twenty thousand, **even* thousands Or, even many thousands. of angels: the Lord *is* among them, *as in* Sinai, in the holy *place*. ¹⁸ Thou hast ascended on high, thou hast led captivity captive: thou hast received gifts *for Heb. in the man. men; yea, *for* the rebellious also, that the LORD God might dwell *among them*.

¹⁹ Blessed *be* the Lord, *who* daily loadeth us *with benefits*, *even* the God of our salvation. Selah. ²⁰ *He*

that is our God is the God of salvation; and unto God the Lord belong the issues from death.

²¹ But God shall wound the head of his enemies, *and* the hairy scalp of such an one as goeth on still in his trespasses.

²² The LORD said, I will bring again from Bashan, I will bring *my people* again from the depths of the sea:

²³ that thy foot may be *dipped in the blood of *Or, red.* *thine* enemies, *and* the tongue of thy dogs in the same.

²⁴ They have seen thy goings, O God, *even* the goings of my God, my King, in the sanctuary. ²⁵ The singers went before, the players on instruments *followed* after; among *them were* the damsels playing with timbrels.

²⁶ Bless ye God in the congregations, *even* the LORD, *from the fountain of Israel.

Or, ye that are of the fountain of Israel.

²⁷ There *is* little Benjamin *with* their ruler, the princes of Judah **and* their council, the princes *Or, with their company.* of Zebulun, *and* the princes of Naphtali. ²⁸ Thy God hath commanded thy strength: strengthen, O God, that which thou hast wrought for us.

²⁹ Because of thy temple at Jerusalem shall kings bring presents unto thee. ³⁰ Rebuke *the *Or, the beasts of the reeds.* company of spearmen, the multitude of the bulls, with the calves of the people, *till every one* submit himself with pieces of silver: *scatter thou the people *Or, he scattereth.* *that* delight in war. ³¹ Princes shall come out of Egypt; Ethiopia shall soon stretch out her hands unto God.

³² Sing unto God, ye kingdoms of the earth; O sing praises unto the Lord; Selah:

³³ To him that rideth upon the heavens of heavens, *which were* of old; lo, he doth *send out his *Heb. give.* voice, *and that* a mighty voice. ³⁴ Ascribe ye strength

unto God: his excellency *is* over Israel, and his strength *is* in the *clouds. ³⁵ O God, *thou art* Or, heavens. terrible out of thy holy places: the God of Israel *is* he that giveth strength and power unto *his* people. Blessed *be* God.

LXIX. To the chief Musician upon Shoshannim,
A *Psalm* of David.

SAVE me, O God; for the waters are come in unto *my* soul. ² I sink in *deep mire, where *there* Heb. the mire of depth. *is* no standing: I am come into *deep waters, Heb. depth of waters. where the floods overflow me.

³ I am weary of my crying: my throat is dried: mine eyes fail while I wait for my God. ⁴ They that hate me without a cause are more than the hairs of mine head: they that would destroy me, *being* mine enemies wrongfully, are mighty: then I restored *that* which I took not away.

⁵ O God, thou knowest my foolishness; and my *sins are not hid from thee. Heb. guiltiness.

⁶ Let not them that wait on thee, O Lord God of hosts, be ashamed for my sake: let not those that seek thee be confounded for my sake, O God of Israel. ⁷ Because for thy sake I have borne reproach; shame hath covered my face.

⁸ I am become a stranger unto my brethren, and an alien unto my mother's children. ⁹ For the zeal of thine house hath eaten me up; and the reproaches of them that reproached thee are fallen upon me.

¹⁰ When I wept, *and chastened* my soul with fasting, that was to my reproach. ¹¹ I made sackcloth also my garment; and I became a proverb to them. ¹² They that sit in the gate speak against me; and I *was* the song of the *drunkards. Heb. drinkers of strong drink.

¹³ But as for me, my prayer *is* unto thee, O LORD,

in an acceptable time: O God, in the multitude of thy mercy hear me, in the truth of thy salvation.

¹⁴ Deliver me out of the mire, and let me not sink: let me be delivered from them that hate me, and out of the deep waters. ¹⁵ Let not the waterflood overflow me, neither let the deep swallow me up, and let not the pit shut her mouth upon me.

¹⁵ Hear me, O LORD, for thy lovingkindness *is* good: turn unto me according to the multitude of thy tender mercies. ¹⁷ And hide not thy face from thy servant; for I am in trouble: *hear me speedily. Heb. make haste to hear me.

¹⁸ Draw nigh unto my soul, *and* redeem it: deliver me because of mine enemies.

¹⁹ Thou hast known my reproach, and my shame, and my dishonour: mine adversaries *are* all before thee. ²⁰ Reproach hath broken my heart; and I am full of heaviness: and I looked *for some* *to Heb. to lament with me. take pity, but *there was* none; and for comforters, but I found none. ²¹ They gave me also gall for my meat; and in my thirst they gave me vinegar to drink.

²² Let their table become a snare before them: and *that which should have been* for their welfare, *let it become* a trap. ²³ Let their eyes be darkened, that they see not; and make their loins continually to shake. ²⁴ Pour out thine indignation upon them, and let thy wrathful anger take hold of them. ²⁵ Let *their habitation be desolate; *and* *let Heb. their palace. Heb. let there not be a dweller. none dwell in their tents.

²⁶ For they persecute *him* whom thou hast smitten; and they talk to the grief of *those whom thou Heb. thy wounded. hast wounded.

²⁷ Add *iniquity unto their iniquity: and Or, punishment of iniquity. let them not come into thy righteousness. ²⁸ Let them be blotted out of the book of the living, and not be written with the righteous.

²⁹ But I *am* poor and sorrowful: let thy salvation, O God, set me up on high. ³⁰ I will praise the name of God with a song, and will magnify him with thanksgiving.

³¹ *This* also shall please the LORD better than an ox or bullock that hath horns and hoofs. ³² The *humble shall see *this*, and be glad: and your Or, meek. heart shall live that seek God. ³³ For the LORD heareth the poor, and despiseth not his prisoners.

³⁴ Let the heaven and earth praise him, the seas, and every thing that *moveth therein. ³⁵ For Heb. creepeth. God will save Zion, and will build the cities of Judah: that they may dwell there, and have it in possession. ³⁶ The seed also of his servants shall inherit it: and they that love his name shall dwell therein.

LXX. To the chief Musician, *A Psalm* of David,
to bring to remembrance.

MAKE haste, O God, to deliver me; make haste
*to help me, O LORD.

Heb. to my help.

² Let them be ashamed and confounded that seek after my soul: let them be turned backward, and put to confusion, that desire my hurt. ³ Let them be turned back for a reward of their shame that say, Aha, aha.

⁴ Let all those that seek thee rejoice and be glad in thee: and let such as love thy salvation say continually, Let God be magnified.

⁵ But I *am* poor and needy: make haste unto me, O God: thou *art* my helper and my deliverer; O LORD, make no tarrying.

LXXI. IN thee, O LORD, do I put my trust: let me never be put to confusion. ² Deliver me in thy

righteousness, and cause me to escape: incline thine ear unto me, and save me. ³* Be thou Heb. Be thou to me for a rock of habitation. my strong habitation, whereunto I may continually resort: thou hast given commandment to save me; for thou *art* my rock and my fortress.

⁴ Deliver me, O my God, out of the hand of the wicked, out of the hand of the unrighteous and cruel man. ⁵ For thou *art* my hope, O Lord God: *thou art* my trust from my youth.

⁶ By thee have I been holden up from the womb: thou art he that took me out of my mother's bowels: my praise *shall be* continually of thee.

⁷ I am as a wonder unto many; but thou *art* my strong refuge. ⁸ Let my mouth be filled *with* thy praise *and with* thy honour all the day.

⁹ Cast me not off in the time of old age; forsake me not when my strength faileth. ¹⁰ For mine enemies speak against me; and they that ^{*lay wait for} Heb. watch, or, observe. my soul take counsel together, ¹¹saying, God hath forsaken him: persecute and take him; for *there is* none to deliver *him*. ¹² O God, be not far from me: O my God, make haste for my help. ¹³ Let them be confounded *and* consumed that are adversaries to my soul; let them be covered *with* reproach and dishonour that seek my hurt.

¹⁴ But I will hope continually, and will yet praise thee more and more. ¹⁵ My mouth shall shew forth thy righteousness *and* thy salvation all the day; for I know not the numbers *thereof*. ¹⁶ I will go in the strength of the Lord God: I will make mention of thy righteousness, *even* of thine only.

¹⁷ O God, thou hast taught me from my youth: and hitherto have I declared thy wondrous works. ¹⁸ Now also ^{*when} I am old and greyheaded, O Heb. unto old age and grey hairs. God, forsake me not; until I have shewed ^{*thy} Heb. thine arm.

strength unto *this* generation, *and* thy power to every one *that* is to come.

¹⁹ Thy righteousness also, O God, *is* very high, who hast done great things: O God, who *is* like unto thee!

²⁰ *Thou*, which hast shewed me great and sore troubles, shalt quicken me again, and shalt bring me up again from the depths of the earth. ²¹ Thou shalt increase my greatness, and comfort me on every side.

²² I will also praise thee *with the Heb. with the instrument of psaltery. psaltery, *even* thy truth, O my God: unto thee will I sing with the harp, O thou Holy One of Israel. ²³ My lips shall greatly rejoice when I sing unto thee; and my soul, which thou hast redeemed. ²⁴ My tongue also shall talk of thy righteousness all the day long: for they are confounded, for they are brought unto shame, that seek my hurt.

LXXII. *A Psalm* *for Solomon.

Or, *of*.

GIVE the king thy judgments, O God, and thy righteousness unto the king's son.

² He shall judge thy people with righteousness, and thy poor with judgment. ³ The mountains shall bring peace to the people, and the little hills, by righteousness. ⁴ He shall judge the poor of the people, he shall save the children of the needy, and shall break in pieces the oppressor.

⁵ They shall fear thee as long as the sun and moon endure, throughout all generations.

⁶ He shall come down like rain upon the mown grass: as showers *that* water the earth. ⁷ In his days shall the righteous flourish; and abundance of peace *so long as the moon endureth. ⁸ He shall Heb. till there be no moon. have dominion also from sea to sea, and from the river unto the ends of the earth. ⁹ They that dwell in the

wilderness shall bow before him; and his enemies shall lick the dust.

¹⁰ The kings of Tarshish and of the isles shall bring presents: the kings of Sheba and Seba shall offer gifts.

¹¹ Yea, all kings shall fall down before him: all nations shall serve him.

¹² For he shall deliver the needy when he crieth; the poor also, and *him* that hath no helper. ¹³ He shall spare the poor and needy, and shall save the souls of the needy. ¹⁴ He shall redeem their soul from deceit and violence: and precious shall their blood be in his sight. ¹⁵ And he shall live, and to him *shall be ^{Heb. one shall give.} given of the gold of Sheba: prayer also shall be made for him continually; *and* daily shall he be praised.

¹⁶ There shall be an handful of corn in the earth upon the top of the mountains; the fruit thereof shall shake like Lebanon: and *they* of the city shall flourish like grass of the earth. ¹⁷ His name *shall endure ^{Heb. shall be.} for ever: *his name shall be con- ^{Heb. shall be as a son to continue his father's name for ever.} tinued as long as the sun: and *men* shall be blessed in him: all nations shall call him blessed.

¹⁸ Blessed *be* the LORD God, the God of Israel, who only doeth wondrous things. ¹⁹ And blessed *be* his glorious name for ever: and let the whole earth be filled *with* his glory; Amen, and Amen.

²⁰ The prayers of David the son of Jesse are ended.

LXXIII.

*A Psalm of Asaph.

Or, *A Psalm for Asaph.*

*TRULY God *is* good to Israel, *even* to such as Or, *Yet.* are *of a clean heart. ^{Heb. clean of heart.}

² But as for me, my feet were almost gone; my steps had well nigh slipped. ³ For I was envious at the foolish, *when* I saw the prosperity of the wicked.

⁴ For *there are* no bands in their death: but their

strength is *firm. ⁵ They *are* not *in Heb. *fat.* Heb. *in the trouble of* other men. trouble *as other* men; neither are they plagued *like *other* men. ⁶ Therefore pride compasseth Heb. *with.* them about as a chain; violence covereth them *as* a garment. ⁷ Their eyes stand out with fatness: *they have more than heart could wish. Heb. *they pass the thoughts of the heart.* ⁸ They are corrupt, and speak wickedly *concerning* oppression: they speak loftily. ⁹ They set their mouth against the heavens, and their tongue walketh through the earth. ¹⁰ Therefore his people return hither: and waters of a full *cup* are wrung out to them. ¹¹ And they say, How doth God know? and is there knowledge in the most High?

¹² Behold, these *are* the ungodly, who prosper in the world; they increase *in* riches.

¹³ Verily I have cleansed my heart *in* vain, and washed my hands in innocency. ¹⁴ For all the day long have I been plagued, and *chastened Heb. *my chastisement was.* every morning. ¹⁵ If I say, I will speak thus; behold, I should offend *against* the generation of thy children.

¹⁶ When I thought to know this, *it *was* Heb. *it was labour in mine eyes.* too painful for me; ¹⁷ until I went into the sanctuary of God; *then* understood I their end.

¹⁸ Surely thou didst set them in slippery places: thou castedst them down into destruction. ¹⁹ How are they *brought* into desolation, as in a moment! they are utterly consumed with terrors. ²⁰ As a dream when *one* awaketh; so, O Lord, when thou awakest, thou shalt despise their image.

²¹ Thus my heart was grieved, and I was pricked in my reins. ²² So foolish *was* I, and *ignorant: Heb. *I knew not.* I was *as* a beast *before thee. Heb. *with thee.*

²³ Nevertheless I *am* continually with thee: thou hast holden *me* by my right hand. ²⁴ Thou shalt guide me with thy counsel, and afterward receive me *to* glory.

²⁵ Whom have I in heaven *but thee?* and *there is* none upon earth *that* I desire beside thee. ²⁶ My flesh and my heart faileth: *but* God is the *strength Heb. rock. of my heart, and my portion for ever.

²⁷ For, lo, they that are far from thee shall perish: thou hast destroyed all them that go a whoring from thee. ²⁸ But *it is* good for me to draw near to God: I have put my trust in the Lord God, that I may declare all thy works.

LXXIV.

*Masehil of Asaph.

Or, A Psalm for Asaph
to give instruction.

O God, why hast thou cast *us* off for ever? *why* doth thine anger smoke against the sheep of thy pasture?

² Remember thy congregation, *which* thou hast purchased of old; the *rod of thine inheritance Or, tribe. *which* thou hast redeemed; this mount Zion, wherein thou hast dwelt. ³ Lift up thy feet unto the perpetual desolations; *even* all *that* the enemy hath done wickedly in the sanctuary.

⁴ Thine enemies roar in the midst of thy congregations; they set up their ensigns *for* signs.

⁵ *A man* was famous according as he had lifted up axes upon the thick trees. ⁶ But now they break down the carved work thereof at once with axes and hammers. ⁷ *They have cast fire into thy Heb. They have sent thy sanctuary into the fire. sanctuary, they have defiled *by casting down* the dwelling place of thy name to the ground. ⁸ They said in their hearts, Let us *destroy them Heb. break. together: they have burned up all the synagogues of God in the land. ⁹ We see not our signs: *there is* no more any prophet: neither *is there* among us any that knoweth how long.

¹⁰ O God, how long shall the adversary reproach?

shall the enemy blaspheme thy name for ever? ¹¹ Why withdrawest thou thy hand, even thy right hand? pluck *it* out of thy bosom.

¹² For God *is* my King of old, working salvation in the midst of the earth. ¹³ Thou didst *divide Heb. break. the sea by thy strength: thou brakest the heads of the *dragons in the waters. ¹⁴ Thou brakest the Or, whales. heads of leviathan in pieces, *and gavest him to be* meat to the people inhabiting the wilderness. ¹⁵ Thou didst cleave the fountain and the flood: thou driedst up *mighty rivers. ¹⁶ The day *is* thine, the Heb. rivers of strength. night also *is* thine: thou hast prepared the light and the sun. ¹⁷ Thou hast set all the borders of the earth: thou hast *made summer and winter. Heb. made them.

¹⁸ Remember this, *that* the enemy hath reproached, O LORD, and *that* the foolish people have blasphemed thy name.

¹⁹ O deliver not the soul of thy turtledove unto the multitude *of the wicked*: forget not the congregation of thy poor for ever. ²⁰ Have respect unto the covenant: for the dark places of the earth are full of the habitations of cruelty. ²¹ O let not the oppressed return ashamed: let the poor and needy praise thy name.

²² Arise, O God, plead thine own cause: remember how the foolish man reproacheth thee daily. ²³ Forget not the voice of thine enemies: the tumult of those that rise up against thee *increaseth continually. Heb. ascendeth.

LXXV.

To the chief Musician, *Al-taschith,

Or, *Destroy not.*

A Psalm or Song *of Asaph.

Or, *for Asaph.*

UNTO thee, O God, do we give thanks, *unto thee* do we give thanks: for *that* thy name is near thy wondrous works declare.

² * When I shall receive the congregation Or, *When I shall take a set time.*
I will judge uprightly.

³ The earth and all the inhabitants thereof are dissolved: I bear up the pillars of it. Selah.

⁴ I said unto the fools, Deal not foolishly: and to the wicked, Lift not up the horn: ⁵ lift not up your horn on high: speak *not with* a stiff neck. ⁶ For promotion *cometh* neither from the east, nor from the west, nor from the * south. ⁷ But God *is* the Heb. *desert.* judge: he putteth down one, and setteth up another.

⁸ For in the hand of the LORD *there is* a cup, and the wine is red; it is full of mixture; and he poureth out of the same: but the dregs thereof, all the wicked of the earth shall wring *them* out, *and* drink *them*.

⁹ But I will declare for ever; I will sing praises to the God of Jacob. ¹⁰ All the horns of the wicked also will I cut off; *but* the horns of the righteous shall be exalted.

LXXVI. To the chief Musician on Neginoth, A Psalm *or* Song
* of Asaph. Or, *for Asaph.*

IN Judah *is* God known: his name *is* great in Israel.
² In Salem also is his tabernacle, and his dwelling place in Zion. ³ There brake he the arrows of the bow, the shield, and the sword, and the battle. Selah.

⁴ Thou *art* more glorious *and* excellent than the mountains of prey. ⁵ The stouthearted are spoiled, they have slept their sleep: and none of the men of might have found their hands. ⁶ At thy rebuke, O God of Jacob, both the chariot and horse are cast into a dead sleep.

⁷ Thou, *even* thou, *art* to be feared: and who may stand in thy sight when once thou art angry? ⁸ Thou didst cause judgment to be heard from heaven; the

earth feared, and was still, ⁹when God arose to judgment, to save all the meek of the earth. Selah.

¹⁰ Surely the wrath of man shall praise thee : the remainder of wrath shalt thou restrain.

¹¹ Vow, and pay unto the LORD your God : let all that be round about him bring presents ^{*unto} ^{Heb. to fear.} him that ought to be feared. ¹² He shall cut off the spirit of princes : *he is* terrible to the kings of the earth.

LXXVII. To the chief Musician, to Jeduthun, A Psalm

^{*}of Asaph.

Or, for Asaph.

I CRIED unto God with my voice, *even* unto God with my voice; and he gave ear unto me. ² In the day of my trouble I sought the Lord : ^{*}my sore ^{Heb. my hand.} ran in the night, and ceased not : my soul refused to be comforted. ³ I remembered God, and was troubled : I complained, and my spirit was overwhelmed. Selah.

⁴ Thou holdest mine eyes waking : I am so troubled that I cannot speak. ⁵ I have considered the days of old, the years of ancient times. ⁶ I call to remembrance my song in the night : I commune with mine own heart : and my spirit made diligent search.

⁷ Will the Lord cast off for ever ? and will he be favourable no more ? ⁸ Is his mercy clean gone for ever ? doth *his* promise fail ^{*}for evermore ? ^{Heb. to generation and generation.} ⁹ Hath God forgotten to be gracious ? hath he in anger shut up his tender mercies ? Selah.

¹⁰ And I said, This *is* my infirmity : *but I will remember* the years of the right hand of the most High.

¹¹ I will remember the works of the LORD : surely I will remember thy wonders of old. ¹² I will meditate also of all thy work, and talk of thy doings.

¹³ Thy way, O God, *is* in the sanctuary : *who is so*

great a God as *our* God! ¹⁴ Thou *art* the God that doest wonders: thou hast declared thy strength among the people. ¹⁵ Thou hast with *thine* arm redeemed thy people, the sons of Jacob and Joseph. Selah.

¹⁶ The waters saw thee, O God, the waters saw thee; they were afraid: the depths also were troubled.

¹⁷ * The clouds poured out water: the Heb. The clouds were poured forth with water. skies sent out a sound: thine arrows also went abroad.

¹⁸ The voice of thy thunder *was* in the heaven: the lightnings lightened the world: the earth trembled and shook. ¹⁹ Thy way *is* in the sea, and thy path in the great waters, and thy footsteps are not known.

²⁰ Thou leddest thy people like a flock by the hand of Moses and Aaron.

LXXVIII.

*Maschil of Asaph.

⁵ Or, A Psalm for Asaph to give instruction.

GIVE ear, O my people, to my law: incline your ears to the words of my mouth.

² I will open my mouth in a parable: I will utter dark sayings of old: ³ which we have heard and known, and our fathers have told us. ⁴ We will not hide *them* from their children, shewing to the generation to come the praises of the LORD, and his strength, and his wonderful works that he hath done. ⁵ For he established a testimony in Jacob, and appointed a law in Israel, which he commanded our fathers, that they should make them known to their children: ⁶ that the generation to come might know *them*, even the children *which* should be born; *who* should arise and declare *them* to their children: ⁷ that they might set their hope in God, and not forget the works of God, but keep his commandments: ⁸ and might not be as their fathers, a stubborn and rebellious generation; a generation **that* set not their heart Heb. that prepared not their heart.

aright, and whose spirit was not stedfast with God.

⁹ The children of Ephraim, *being* armed, and *carrying bows, turned back in the day of ^{Heb. throwing forth.} battle.

¹⁰ They kept not the covenant of God, and refused to walk in his law; ¹¹and forgot his works, and his wonders that he had shewed them.

¹² Marvellous things did he in the sight of their fathers, in the land of Egypt, *in* the field of Zoan.

¹³ He divided the sea, and caused them to pass through; and he made the waters to stand as an heap. ¹⁴ In the daytime also he led them with a cloud, and all the night with a light of fire. ¹⁵ He clave the rocks in the wilderness, and gave *them* drink as *out of* the great depths. ¹⁶ He brought streams also out of the rock, and caused waters to run down like rivers.

¹⁷ And they sinned yet more against him by provoking the most High in the wilderness. ¹⁸ And they tempted God in their heart by asking meat for their lust. ¹⁹ Yea, they spake against God; they said, Can God *furnish a table in the wilderness? ²⁰ Be- ^{Heb. order.} hold, he smote the rock, that the waters gushed out, and the streams overflowed; can he give bread also? can he provide flesh for his people?

²¹ Therefore the LORD heard *this*, and was wroth: so a fire was kindled against Jacob, and anger also came up against Israel; ²² because they believed not in God, and trusted not in his salvation: ²³ though he had commanded the clouds from above, and opened the doors of heaven, ²⁴ and had rained down manna upon them to eat, and had given them of the corn of heaven.

²⁵ * Man did eat angels' food: he sent ^{Or, Every one did eat the bread of the mighty.} them meat to the full. ²⁶ He caused an east wind

*to blow in the heaven: and by his power he Heb. to go. brought in the south wind. ²⁷ He rained flesh also upon them as dust, and *feathered fowls like as Heb. fowl of wing. the sand of the sea: ²⁸ and he let *it* fall in the midst of their camp, round about their habitations.

²⁹ So they did eat, and were well filled: for he gave them their own desire; ³⁰ they were not estranged from their lust. But while their meat *was* yet in their mouths, ³¹ the wrath of God came upon them, and slew the fattest of them, and *smote down Heb. made to bow. Or, young men. the *chosen *men* of Israel.

³² For all this they sinned still, and believed not for his wondrous works. ³³ Therefore their days did he consume in vanity, and their years in trouble.

³⁴ When he slew them, then they sought him: and they returned and enquired early after God. ³⁵ And they remembered that God *was* their rock, and the high God their redeemer.

³⁶ Nevertheless they did flatter him with their mouth, and they lied unto him with their tongues. ³⁷ For their heart was not right with him, neither were they stedfast in his covenant.

³⁸ But he, *being* full of compassion, forgave *their* iniquity, and destroyed *them* not: yea, many a time turned he his anger away, and did not stir up all his wrath. ³⁹ For he remembered that they *were but* flesh: a wind that passeth away, and cometh not again.

⁴⁰ How oft did they *provoke him in the Or, rebel against him. wilderness, *and* grieve him in the desert! ⁴¹ Yea, they turned back and tempted God, and limited the Holy One of Israel. ⁴² They remembered not his hand, *nor* the day when he delivered them *from the Or, from affliction. enemy. ⁴³ How he had *wrought his signs in Heb. set. Egypt, and his wonders in the field of Zoan: ⁴⁴ and had turned their rivers into blood; and their floods,

that they could not drink. ⁴⁵ He sent divers sorts of flies among them, which devoured them; and frogs, which destroyed them. ⁴⁶ He gave also their increase unto the caterpillar, and their labour unto the locust. ⁴⁷ He ^{*}destroyed their vines with hail, and their Heb. killed. sycomore trees with ^{*}frost. ⁴⁸ ^{*}He gave Or, great hailstones. up their cattle also to the hail, and their flocks to Heb. He shut up. ^{*}hot thunderbolts. ⁴⁹ He cast upon them the Or, lightnings. fierceness of his anger, wrath, and indignation, and trouble, by sending evil angels *among them*. ⁵⁰ ^{*}He Heb. He weighed a path. made a way to his anger; he spared not their soul from death, but gave ^{*}their life over to the Or, their beasts to the murrain. pestilence; ⁵¹ and smote all the firstborn in Egypt; the chief of *their* strength in the tabernacles of Ham: ⁵² but made his own people to go forth like sheep, and guided them in the wilderness like a flock. ⁵³ And he led them on safely, so that they feared not: but the sea ^{*}overwhelmed their enemies. ⁵⁴ And he Heb. covered. brought them to the border of his sanctuary, *even to* this mountain, *which* his right hand had purchased. ⁵⁵ He cast out the heathen also before them, and divided them an inheritance by line, and made the tribes of Israel to dwell in their tents.

⁵⁶ Yet they tempted and provoked the most high God, and kept not his testimonies: ⁵⁷ but turned back, and dealt unfaithfully like their fathers: they were turned aside like a deceitful bow. ⁵⁸ For they provoked him to anger with their high places, and moved him to jealousy with their graven images.

⁵⁹ When God heard *this*, he was wroth, and greatly abhorred Israel: ⁶⁰ so that he forsook the tabernacle of Shiloh, the tent *which* he placed among men; ⁶¹ and delivered his strength into captivity, and his glory into the enemy's hand. ⁶² He gave his people over also unto the sword; and was wroth with his inheritance.

⁶³ The fire consumed their young men; and their maidens were not *given to marriage. ⁶⁴ Their ^{Heb. praised.} priests fell by the sword; and their widows made no lamentation.

⁶⁵ Then the LORD awaked as one out of sleep, *and* like a mighty man that shouteth by reason of wine.

⁶⁶ And he smote his enemies in the hinder parts: he put them to a perpetual reproach.

⁶⁷ Moreover he refused the tabernacle of Joseph, and chose not the tribe of Ephraim: ⁶⁸ but chose the tribe of Judah, the mount Zion which he loved. ⁶⁹ And he built his sanctuary like high *palaces*, like the earth which he hath *established for ever. ^{Heb. founded.}

⁷⁰ He chose David also his servant, and took him from the sheepfolds: ⁷¹ *from following the ewes ^{Heb. from after.} great with young, he brought him to feed Jacob his people, and Israel his inheritance.

⁷² So he fed them according to the integrity of his heart; and guided them by the skilfulness of his hands.

LXXIX. A Psalm *of Asaph.

Or, *for Asaph.*

O God, the heathen are come into thine inheritance; thy holy temple have they defiled; they have laid Jerusalem on heaps. ² The dead bodies of thy servants have they given *to be* meat unto the fowls of the heaven, the flesh of thy saints unto the beasts of the earth. ³ Their blood have they shed like water round about Jerusalem; and *there was* none to bury *them*. ⁴ We are become a reproach to our neighbours, a scorn and derision to them that are round about us.

⁵ How long, LORD? wilt thou be angry for ever? shall thy jealousy burn like fire?

⁶ Pour out thy wrath upon the heathen that have

not known thee, and upon the kingdoms that have not called upon thy name. ⁷ For they have devoured Jacob, and laid waste his dwelling place.

⁸ O remember not against us ^{*}former Or, the iniquities of them that were before us iniquities: let thy tender mercies speedily prevent us: for we are brought very low. ⁹ Help us, O God of our salvation, for the glory of thy name: and deliver us, and purge away our sins, for thy name's sake.

¹⁰ Wherefore should the heathen say, Where *is* their God? let him be known among the heathen in our sight *by* the ^{*}revenging of the blood of thy Heb. vengeance. servants *which is* shed.

¹¹ Let the sighing of the prisoner come before thee; according to the greatness of ^{*}thy power Heb. thine arm. ^{*}preserve thou those that are appointed to Heb. reserve the children of death. die; ¹² and render unto our neighbours sevenfold into their bosom their reproach, wherewith they have reproached thee, O Lord.

¹³ So we thy people and sheep of thy pasture will give thee thanks for ever: we will shew forth thy praise ^{*}to all generations. Heb. to generation and generation.

LXXX. To the chief Musician upon Shoshannim-Eduth,
A Psalm ^{*}of Asaph. Or, for Asaph.

GIVE ear, O Shepherd of Israel, [†]thou that leadest Joseph like a flock; thou that dwellest *between* the cherubims, shine forth. ² Before Ephraim and Benjamin and Manasseh stir up thy strength, and ^{*}come *and* save us. Heb. come for salvation to us.

³ Turn us again, O God, and cause thy face to shine; and we shall be saved.

⁴ O LORD God of hosts, how long ^{*}wilt thou Heb. wilt thou smoke. be angry against the prayer of thy people? ⁵ Thou feedest them with the bread of tears; and givest them

tears to drink in great measure. ⁶Thou makest us a strife unto our neighbours: and our enemies laugh among themselves.

⁷Turn us again, O God of hosts, and cause thy face to shine; and we shall be saved.

⁸Thou hast brought a vine out of Egypt: thou hast cast out the heathen, and planted it. ⁹Thou preparedst *room* before it, and didst cause it to take deep root, and it filled the land. ¹⁰The hills were covered with the shadow of it, and the boughs thereof *were like* *the goodly cedars. ¹¹She sent out her boughs ^{Heb. the cedars of God.} unto the sea, and her branches unto the river.

¹²Why hast thou *then* broken down her hedges, so that all they which pass by the way do pluck her? ¹³The boar out of the wood doth waste it, and the wild beast of the field doth devour it.

¹⁴Return, we beseech thee, O God of hosts: look down from heaven, and behold, and visit this vine; ¹⁵and the vineyard which thy right hand hath planted, and the branch *that* thou madest strong for thyself. ¹⁶*It is* burned with fire, *it is* cut down: they perish at the rebuke of thy countenance.

¹⁷Let thy hand be upon the man of thy right hand, upon the son of man *whom* thou madest strong for thyself. ¹⁸So will not we go back from thee: quicken us, and we will call upon thy name.

¹⁹Turn us again, O LORD God of hosts, cause thy face to shine; and we shall be saved.

LXXXI. To the chief Musician upon Gittith,

A Psalm *of Asaph.

Or, *for Asaph.*

SING aloud unto God our strength: make a joyful noise unto the God of Jacob. ²Take a psalm, and bring hither the timbrel, the pleasant harp with the

psaltery. ³ Blow up the trumpet in the new moon, in the time appointed, on our solemn feast day.

⁴ For this *was* a statute for Israel, *and* a law of the God of Jacob. ⁵ This he ordained in Joseph *for* a testimony, when he went out ^{*}through the land Or, *against*. of Egypt: *where* I heard a language *that* I understood not. ⁶ I removed his shoulder from the burden: his hands ^{*}were delivered from the pots. Heb. *passed away*.

⁷ Thou calledst in trouble, and I delivered thee; I answered thee in the secret place of thunder: I proved thee at the waters of ^{*}Meribah. Selah. Or, *strife*.

⁸ Hear, O my people, and I will testify unto thee: O Israel, if thou wilt hearken unto me; ⁹ there shall no strange god be in thee; neither shalt thou worship any strange god. ¹⁰ I *am* the LORD thy God, which brought thee out of the land of Egypt: open thy mouth wide, and I will fill it.

¹¹ But my people would not hearken to my voice; and Israel would none of me. ¹² So I gave them up ^{*}unto their own hearts' lust: *and* they Or, *to the hardness of their hearts, or, imaginations*. walked in their own counsels.

¹³ O that my people had hearkened unto me, *and* Israel had walked in my ways! ¹⁴ I should soon have subdued their enemies, and turned my hand against their adversaries. ¹⁵ The haters of the LORD should have ^{*}submitted themselves unto him: Or, *yielded feigned obedience*. Heb. *lied*. but their time should have endured for ever. ¹⁶ He should have fed them also ^{*}with the finest of Heb. *with the fat of wheat*. the wheat: and with honey out of the rock should I have satisfied thee.

LXXXII. A Psalm ^{*}of Asaph.

Or, *for Asaph*.

GOD standeth in the congregation of the mighty; he judgeth among the gods.

² How long will ye judge unjustly, and accept the persons of the wicked? *Selah.*

³ *Defend the poor and fatherless: do justice *Heb. Judge.* to the afflicted and needy. ⁴ Deliver the poor and needy: rid *them* out of the hand of the wicked.

⁵ They know not, neither will they understand; they walk on in darkness: all the foundations of the earth are *out of course. *Heb. moved.*

⁶ I have said, Ye *are* gods; and all of you *are* children of the most High. ⁷ But ye shall die like men, and fall like one of the princes.

⁸ Arise, O God, judge the earth: for thou shalt inherit all nations.

LXXXIII. A Song or Psalm *of Asaph.

Or, for Asaph.

KEEP not thou silence, O God: hold not thy peace, and be not still, O God.

² For, lo, thine enemies make a tumult: and they that hate thee have lifted up the head. ³ They have taken crafty counsel against thy people, and consulted against thy hidden ones.

⁴ They have said, Come, and let us cut them off from *being* a nation; that the name of Israel may be no more in remembrance. ⁵ For they have consulted together with one *consent: they are confede- *Heb. heart.* rate against thee: ⁶ the tabernacles of Edom, and the Ishmaelites; of Moab, and the Hagarenes; ⁷ Gebal, and Ammon, and Amalek; the Philistines with the inhabitants of Tyre; ⁸ Assur also is joined with them: *they have holpen the children of Lot. *Heb. they have been an arm to the children of Lot.* *Selah.*

⁹ Do unto them as *unto* the Midianites; as *to* Sisera, as *to* Jabin, at the brook of Kison: ¹⁰ *which* perished at En-dor: they became *as* dung for the earth. ¹¹ Make

their nobles like Oreb, and like Zeeb: yea, all their princes as Zebah, and as Zalmunna: ¹²who said, Let us take to ourselves the houses of God in possession.

¹³ O my God, make them like a wheel; as the stubble before the wind.

¹⁴ As the fire burneth a wood, and as the flame setteth the mountains on fire; ¹⁵so persecute them with thy tempest, and make them afraid with thy storm. ¹⁶ Fill their faces with shame; that they may seek thy name, O LORD. ¹⁷ Let them be confounded and troubled for ever; yea, let them be put to shame, and perish:

¹⁸ That *men* may know that thou, whose name alone is JEHOVAH, art the most high over all the earth.

LXXXIV. To the chief Musician upon Gittith,

A Psalm *for the sons of Korah.

Or, of.

How amiable *are* thy tabernacles, O LORD of hosts! ² My soul longeth, yea, even fainteth for the courts of the LORD: my heart and my flesh crieth out for the living God. ³ Yea, the sparrow hath found an house, and the swallow a nest for herself, where she may lay her young, *even* thine altars, O LORD of hosts, my King, and my God. ⁴ Blessed *are* they that dwell in thy house: they will be still praising thee. Selah.

⁵ Blessed *is* the man whose strength *is* in thee; in whose heart *are* the ways of *them*. ⁶ Who passing through the valley *of Baca make it a ^{Or, of mulberry trees make him a well, &c.} well; the rain also *filleth the pools. ⁷ They ^{Heb. covereth.} go *from strength to strength, *every one of* ^{Or, from company to company.} *them* in Zion appeareth before God. ⁸ O LORD God of hosts, hear my prayer: give ear, O God of Jacob. Selah.

⁹ Behold, O God our shield, and look upon the face of thine anointed. ¹⁰ For a day in thy courts *is* better than a thousand. * I had rather be a Heb. I would choose rather to sit at the threshold. doorkeeper in the house of my God, than to dwell in the tents of wickedness. ¹¹ For the LORD God *is* a sun and shield: the LORD will give grace and glory: no good *thing* will he withhold from them that walk uprightly.

¹² O LORD of hosts, blessed *is* the man that trusteth in thee.

LXXXV. To the chief Musician, A Psalm *for Or, *of*.
the sons of Korah.

LORD, thou hast been *favourable unto thy Or, well pleased. land: thou hast brought back the captivity of Jacob. ² Thou hast forgiven the iniquity of thy people, thou hast covered all their sin. Selah.

³ Thou hast taken away all thy wrath: *thou hast turned *thyself* from the fierceness of Or, thou hast turned thine anger from waxing hot. thine anger.

⁴ Turn us, O God of our salvation, and cause thine anger toward us to cease. ⁵ Wilt thou be angry with us for ever? wilt thou draw out thine anger to all generations? ⁶ Wilt thou not revive us again: that thy people may rejoice in thee? ⁷ Shew us thy mercy, O LORD, and grant us thy salvation.

⁸ I will hear what God the LORD will speak: for he will speak peace unto his people, and to his saints: but let them not turn again to folly.

⁹ Surely his salvation *is* nigh them that fear him; that glory may dwell in our land.

¹⁰ Mercy and truth are met together; righteousness and peace have kissed *each other*. ¹¹ Truth shall spring out of the earth; and righteousness shall look down

from heaven. ¹² Yea, the LORD shall give *that which is* good; and our land shall yield her increase. ¹³ Righteousness shall go before him; and shall set *us* in the way of his steps.

LXXXVI. *A Prayer of David.

Or, *A Prayer, being
A Psalm of David.*

Bow down thine ear, O LORD, hear me: for I *am* poor and needy. ² Preserve my soul; for I *am* *holy: O thou my God, save thy servant that <sup>Or, one whom
thou favourest.</sup> trusteth in thee.

³ Be merciful unto me, O Lord: for I cry unto thee *daily. ⁴ Rejoice the soul of thy servant: for <sup>Or, all
the day.</sup> unto thee, O Lord, do I lift up my soul.

⁵ For thou, Lord, *art* good, and ready to forgive; and plenteous in mercy unto all them that call upon thee. ⁶ Give ear, O LORD, unto my prayer; and attend to the voice of my supplications. ⁷ In the day of my trouble I will call upon thee: for thou wilt answer me.

⁸ Among the gods *there is* none like unto thee, O Lord; neither *are there any works* like unto thy works.

⁹ All nations whom thou hast made shall come and worship before thee, O Lord; and shall glorify thy name. ¹⁰ For thou *art* great, and doest wondrous things: thou *art* God alone.

¹¹ Teach me thy way, O LORD; I will walk in thy truth: unite my heart to fear thy name. ¹² I will praise thee, O Lord my God, with all my heart: and I will glorify thy name for evermore. ¹³ For great *is* thy mercy toward me: and thou hast delivered my soul from the lowest *hell. ^{Or, grave.}

¹⁴ O God, the proud are risen against me, and the assemblies of *violent *men* have sought after ^{Heb. terrible.} my soul; and have not set thee before them. ¹⁵ But

thou, O Lord, *art* a God full of compassion, and gracious, longsuffering, and plenteous in mercy and truth.

¹⁶ O turn unto me, and have mercy upon me; give thy strength unto thy servant, and save the son of thine handmaid. ¹⁷ Shew me a token for good; that they which hate me may see *it*, and be ashamed: because thou, LORD, hast holpen me, and comforted me.

LXXXVII. A Psalm *or* Song *for the sons of Korah. Or, *of*.

HIS foundation *is* in the holy mountains. ² The LORD loveth the gates of Zion more than all the dwellings of Jacob. ³ Glorious things are spoken of thee, O city of God. Selah.

⁴ I will make mention of Rahab and Babylon to them that know me: behold Philistia, and Tyre, with Ethiopia; this *man* was born there. ⁵ And of Zion it shall be said, This and that man was born in her: and the Highest himself shall establish her. ⁶ The LORD shall count, when he writeth up the people, *that* this *man* was born there. Selah.

⁷ As well the singers as the players on instruments *shall be there*: all my springs *are* in thee.

LXXXVIII. A Song *or* Psalm *for the sons of Korah, Or, *of*.
to the chief Musician upon Mahalath Leannoth, *Maschil of Heman
the Ezrahite. Or, A Psalm *of* Heman the
Ezrahite, giving instruction.

O LORD God of my salvation, I have cried day *and* night before thee: ² let my prayer come before thee: incline thine ear unto my cry; ³ for my soul is full of troubles: and my life draweth nigh unto the grave. ⁴ I am counted with them that go down into the pit: I am as a man *that hath* no strength: ⁵ free among

the dead, like the slain that lie in the grave, whom thou rememberest no more: and they are cut off *from thy hand. ⁶Thou hast laid me in the Or, by thy hand. lowest pit, in darkness, in the deeps. ⁷Thy wrath lieth hard upon me, and thou hast afflicted *me* with all thy waves. Selah.

⁸Thou hast put away mine acquaintance far from me; thou hast made me an abomination unto them: *I am* shut up, and I cannot come forth. ⁹Mine eye mourneth by reason of affliction: LORD, I have called daily upon thee, I have stretched out my hands unto thee.

¹⁰Wilt thou shew wonders to the dead? shall the dead arise *and* praise thee? Selah. ¹¹Shall thy loving-kindness be declared in the grave? *or* thy faithfulness in destruction? ¹²Shall thy wonders be known in the dark? and thy righteousness in the land of forgetfulness? ¹³But unto thee have I cried, O LORD; and in the morning shall my prayer prevent thee.

¹⁴LORD, why castest thou off my soul? *why* hidest thou thy face from me? ¹⁵*I am* afflicted and ready to die from *my* youth up: *while* I suffer thy terrors I am distracted. ¹⁶Thy fierce wrath goeth over me; thy terrors have cut me off. ¹⁷They came round about me *daily like water; they compassed me about Or, all the day. together. ¹⁸Lover and friend hast thou put far from me, *and* mine acquaintance into darkness.

LXXXIX. *Maschil of Ethan the Ezrahite. Or, A Psalm for Ethan the Ezrahite to give instruction.

I WILL sing of the mercies of the LORD for ever: with my mouth will I make known thy faithfulness *to all generations. ²For I have said, Heb. to generation and generation. Mercy shall be built up for ever: thy faithfulness shalt thou establish in the very heavens.

³ I have made a covenant with my chosen, I have sworn unto David my servant, ⁴ Thy seed will I establish for ever, and build up thy throne to all generations. Selah. ⁵ And the heavens shall praise thy wonders, O LORD: thy faithfulness also in the congregation of the saints. ⁶ For who in the heaven can be compared unto the LORD? *who* among the sons of the mighty can be likened unto the LORD? ⁷ God is greatly to be feared in the assembly of the saints, and to be had in reverence of all *them that are* about him.

⁸ O LORD God of hosts, *who is* a strong LORD like unto thee? or to thy faithfulness round about thee?

⁹ Thou rulest the raging of the sea: when the waves thereof arise, thou stillest them. ¹⁰ Thou hast broken

* Rahab in pieces, as one that is slain; thou hast Or, Egypt. scattered thine enemies * with thy strong arm. Heb. with the arm of thy strength.

¹¹ The heavens *are* thine, the earth also *is* thine: *as for* the world and the fulness thereof, thou hast founded them. ¹² The north and the south thou hast created them: Tabor and Hermon shall rejoice in thy name.

¹³ Thou hast * a mighty arm: strong is thy Heb. an arm with might. hand, *and* high is thy right hand. ¹⁴ Justice and judgment *are* the * habitation of thy throne: Or, establishment. mercy and truth shall go before thy face.

¹⁵ Blessed *is* the people that know the joyful sound: they shall walk, O LORD, in the light of thy countenance. ¹⁶ In thy name shall they rejoice all the day: and in thy righteousness shall they be exalted. ¹⁷ For thou *art* the glory of their strength: and in thy favour our horn shall be exalted. ¹⁸ For * the LORD Or, our shield is of the LORD, and our king is of the Holy One of Israel. *is* our defence; and the Holy One of Israel *is* our king.

¹⁹ Then thou spakest in vision to thy holy one, and saidst, I have laid help upon *one that is* mighty; I

have exalted *one* chosen out of the people. ²⁰ I have found David my servant; with my holy oil have I anointed him: ²¹ with whom my hand shall be established: mine arm also shall strengthen him. ²² The enemy shall not exact upon him; nor the son of wickedness afflict him. ²³ And I will beat down his foes before his face, and plague them that hate him. ²⁴ But my faithfulness and my mercy *shall be* with him: and in my name shall his horn be exalted.

²⁵ I will set his hand also in the sea, and his right hand in the rivers. ²⁶ He shall cry unto me, Thou *art* my father, my God, and the rock of my salvation. ²⁷ Also I will make him *my* firstborn, higher than the kings of the earth.

²⁸ My mercy will I keep for him for evermore, and my covenant shall stand fast with him. ²⁹ His seed also will I make *to endure* for ever, and his throne as the days of heaven.

³⁰ If his children forsake my law, and walk not in my judgments; ³¹ if they *break my statutes, ^{Heb. profane my statutes.} and keep not my commandments; ³² then will I visit their transgression with the rod, and their iniquity with stripes.

³³ Nevertheless my lovingkindness *will ^{Heb. I will not make void from him.} I not utterly take from him, nor suffer my faithfulness *to fail. ³⁴ My covenant will I not break, nor ^{Heb. to lie.} alter the thing that is gone out of my lips.

³⁵ Once have I sworn by my holiness *that ^{Heb. if I lie.} I will not lie unto David. ³⁶ His seed shall endure for ever, and his throne as the sun before me. ³⁷ It shall be established for ever as the moon, and *as* a faithful witness in heaven. Selah.

³⁸ But thou hast cast off and abhorred, thou hast been wroth with thine anointed. ³⁹ Thou hast made void the covenant of thy servant: thou hast profaned

his crown *by casting it* to the ground. ⁴⁰ Thou hast broken down all his hedges; thou hast brought his strong holds to ruin. ⁴¹ All that pass by the way spoil him: he is a reproach to his neighbours. ⁴² Thou hast set up the right hand of his adversaries; thou hast made all his enemies to rejoice. ⁴³ Thou hast also turned the edge of his sword, and hast not made him to stand in the battle. ⁴⁴ Thou hast made his *glory to cease, and cast his throne down to Heb. brightness. the ground. ⁴⁵ The days of his youth hast thou shortened: thou hast covered him with shame. Selah.

⁴⁶ How long, LORD? wilt thou hide thyself for ever? shall thy wrath burn like fire? ⁴⁷ Remember how short my time is: wherefore hast thou made all men in vain? ⁴⁸ What man *is he that* liveth, and shall not see death? shall he deliver his soul from the hand of the grave? Selah.

⁴⁹ Lord, where *are* thy former lovingkindnesses, *which* thou swarest unto David in thy truth? ⁵⁰ Remember, Lord, the reproach of thy servants; *how* I do bear in my bosom *the reproach of* all the mighty people; ⁵¹ wherewith thine enemies have reproached, O LORD; wherewith they have reproached the footsteps of thine anointed.

⁵² Blessed *be* the LORD for evermore. Amen, and Amen.

XC. *A Prayer of Moses the man of God.

Or, *A Prayer*, being
A Psalm of Moses.

LORD, thou hast been our dwelling place *in all generations. ² Before the mountains were Heb. in generation and generation. brought forth, or ever thou hadst formed the earth and the world, even from everlasting to everlasting, thou *art* God.

³ Thou turnest man to destruction; and sayest,

Return, ye children of men. ⁴ For a thousand years in thy sight *are but* as yesterday ^{Or, when he hath passed them.} *when it is past, and *as* a watch in the night. ⁵ Thou carriest them away as with a flood; they are *as* a sleep: in the morning *they are* like grass *which* *groweth ^{Or, is changed.} up. ⁶ In the morning it flourisheth, and groweth up; in the evening it is cut down, and withereth.

⁷ For we are consumed by thine anger, and by thy wrath are we troubled.

⁸ Thou hast set our iniquities before thee, our secret *sins* in the light of thy countenance.

⁹ For all our days are *passed away in thy ^{Heb. turned away.} wrath: we spend our years *as a tale *that is* ^{Or, as a meditation.} told. ¹⁰ *The days of our years ^{Heb. As for the days of our years, in them are seventy years.} are

threescore years and ten; and if by reason of strength *they be* fourscore years, yet *is* their strength labour and sorrow; for it is soon cut off, and we fly away.

¹¹ Who knoweth the power of thine anger? even according to thy fear, *so is* thy wrath. ¹² So teach *us* to number our days, that we may *apply *our* hearts ^{Heb. cause to come.} unto wisdom.

¹³ Return, O LORD, how long? and let it repent thee concerning thy servants. ¹⁴ O satisfy us early with thy mercy; that we may rejoice and be glad all our days. ¹⁵ Make us glad according to the days *wherein* thou hast afflicted us, *and* the years *wherein* we have seen evil. ¹⁶ Let thy work appear unto thy servants, and thy glory unto their children. ¹⁷ And let the beauty of the LORD our God be upon us: and establish thou the work of our hands upon us; yea, the work of our hands establish thou it.

XCI. HE that dwelleth in the secret place of the most High shall *abide under the shadow of the ^{Heb. lodge.} Almighty.

² I will say of the LORD, *He is* my refuge and my fortress: my God; in him will I trust.

³ Surely he shall deliver thee from the snare of the fowler, *and* from the noisome pestilence. ⁴ He shall cover thee with his feathers, and under his wings shalt thou trust: his truth *shall be thy* shield and buckler.

⁵ Thou shalt not be afraid for the terror by night; *nor* for the arrow *that* flieth by day; ⁶*nor* for the pestilence *that* walketh in darkness; *nor* for the destruction *that* wasteth at noonday. ⁷ A thousand shall fall at thy side, and ten thousand at thy right hand; *but* it shall not come nigh thee. ⁸ Only with thine eyes shalt thou behold and see the reward of the wicked.

⁹ Because thou hast made the LORD *which is* my refuge, *even* the most High, thy habitation; ¹⁰ there shall no evil befall thee, neither shall any plague come nigh thy dwelling.

¹¹ For he shall give his angels charge over thee, to keep thee in all thy ways. ¹² They shall bear thee up in *their* hands, lest thou dash thy foot against a stone.

¹³ Thou shalt tread upon the lion and *adder: the or, asp. young lion and the dragon shalt thou trample under feet.

¹⁴ Because he hath set his love upon me, therefore will I deliver him: I will set him on high, because he hath known my name. ¹⁵ He shall call upon me, and I will answer him: I *will be* with him in trouble; I will deliver him, and honour him. ¹⁶ With *long Heb. length of days. ife will I satisfy him, and shew him my salvation.

XCII. A Psalm *or* Song for the sabbath day.

IT is a good thing to give thanks unto the LORD, and to sing praises unto thy name, O most High: ²to shew forth thy lovingkindness in the morning, and

thy faithfulness *every night, ³ upon an in- Heb. in the nights.
 strument of ten strings, and upon the psaltery;
 *upon the harp with *a solemn sound. Or, upon the solemn sound with the harp. Heb. Higgsaion.
⁴ For thou, LORD, hast made me glad through thy work: I will triumph in the works of thy hands.

⁵ O LORD, how great are thy works! *and* thy thoughts are very deep. ⁶ A brutish man knoweth not; neither doth a fool understand this.

⁷ When the wicked spring as the grass, and when all the workers of iniquity do flourish; *it is* that they shall be destroyed for ever: ⁸ but thou, LORD, *art* most high for evermore. ⁹ For, lo, thine enemies, O LORD, for, lo, thine enemies shall perish; all the workers of iniquity shall be scattered. ¹⁰ But my horn shalt thou exalt like *the horn of* an unicorn: I shall be anointed with fresh oil. ¹¹ Mine eye also shall see *my desire* on mine enemies, *and* mine ears shall hear *my desire* of the wicked that rise up against me.

¹² The righteous shall flourish like the palm tree: he shall grow like a cedar in Lebanon. ¹³ Those that be planted in the house of the LORD shall flourish in the courts of our God. ¹⁴ They shall still bring forth fruit in old age; they shall be fat and *flourishing; Heb. green.
¹⁵ to shew that the LORD *is* upright: *he is* my rock, and *there is* no unrighteousness in him.

XCIII. THE LORD reigneth, he is clothed with majesty; the LORD is clothed with strength, *wherewith* he hath girded himself: the world also is stablished, that it cannot be moved. ² Thy throne *is* established *of old: thou *art* from everlasting. Heb. from them.

³ The floods have lifted up, O LORD, the floods have lifted up their voice; the floods lift up their waves.
⁴ The LORD on high *is* mightier than the noise of many waters, *yea, than* the mighty waves of the sea.

⁵ Thy testimonies are very sure: holiness becometh thine house, O LORD, *for ever.

Heb. *to length of days.*

XCIV. O LORD *God, to whom vengeance ^{Heb. God of revenges.} belongeth, O God, to whom vengeance belongeth; *shew thyself. ² Lift up thyself, thou judge ^{Heb. shine forth.} of the earth: render a reward to the proud.

³ LORD, how long shall the wicked, how long shall the wicked triumph?

⁴ *How long* shall they utter *and* speak hard things? *and* all the workers of iniquity boast themselves?

⁵ They break in pieces thy people, O LORD, and afflict thine heritage. ⁶ They slay the widow and the stranger, and murder the fatherless. ⁷ Yet they say, The LORD shall not see, neither shall the God of Jacob regard *it*.

⁸ Understand, ye brutish among the people: and *ye* fools, when will ye be wise? ⁹ He that planted the ear, shall he not hear? he that formed the eye, shall he not see? ¹⁰ he that chastiseth the heathen, shall not he correct? he that teacheth man knowledge, *shall not he know?* ¹¹ The LORD knoweth the thoughts of man, that they *are* vanity.

¹² Blessed *is* the man whom thou chastenest, O LORD, and teachest him out of thy law; ¹³ that thou mayest give him rest from the days of adversity, until the pit be digged for the wicked.

¹⁴ For the LORD will not cast off his people, neither will he forsake his inheritance. ¹⁵ But judgment shall return unto righteousness: and all the upright in heart *shall follow it.

Heb. *shall be after it.*

¹⁶ Who will rise up for me against the evildoers? *or* who will stand up for me against the workers of iniquity?

¹⁷ Unless the LORD *had been* my help, my soul had
*almost dwelt in silence. *Or, quickly.*

¹⁸ When I said, My foot slippeth; thy mercy, O LORD, held me up. ¹⁹ In the multitude of my thoughts within me thy comforts delight my soul.

²⁰ Shall the throne of iniquity have fellowship with thee, which frameth mischief by a law? ²¹ They gather themselves together against the soul of the righteous, and condemn the innocent blood.

²² But the LORD is my defence; and my God *is* the rock of my refuge. ²³ And he shall bring upon them their own iniquity, and shall cut them off in their own wickedness; *yea*, the LORD our God shall cut them off.

XCV. O COME, let us sing unto the LORD: let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation. ² Let us *come before his presence with thanksgiving, *Heb. prevent his face.* and make a joyful noise unto him with psalms.

³ For the LORD *is* a great God, and a great King above all gods. ⁴ *In his hand *are* the deep *Heb. In whose.* places of the earth: *the strength of the hills *Or, the heights of the hills are his.* *is* his also. ⁵ *The sea *is* his, and he made it: *Heb. Whose the sea is.* and his hands formed the dry *land*.

⁶ O come, let us worship and bow down: let us kneel before the LORD our maker. ⁷ For he *is* our God; and we *are* the people of his pasture, and the sheep of his hand.

To day if ye will hear his voice, ⁸ harden not your heart, as in the *provocation, *and* as *in* the day *Heb. contention.* of temptation in the wilderness: ⁹ when your fathers tempted me, proved me, and saw my work.

¹⁰ Forty years long was I grieved with *this* generation, and said, It *is* a people that do err in their heart, and they have not known my ways: ¹¹ unto whom I

sware in my wrath *that they should not enter into my rest. Heb. if they enter into my rest.

XCVI. O SING unto the LORD a new song: sing unto the LORD, all the earth. ² Sing unto the LORD, bless his name; shew forth his salvation from day to day. ³ Declare his glory among the heathen, his wonders among all people. ⁴ For the LORD *is* great, and greatly to be praised: he *is* to be feared above all gods.

⁵ For all the gods of the nations *are* idols: but the LORD made the heavens. ⁶ Honour and majesty *are* before him: strength and beauty *are* in his sanctuary.

⁷ Give unto the LORD, O ye kindreds of the people, give unto the LORD glory and strength. ⁸ Give unto the LORD the glory **due unto* his name: bring Heb. of his name. an offering, and come into his courts. ⁹ O worship the LORD *in the beauty of holiness, fear before Or, in the glorious sanctuary. him, all the earth. ¹⁰ Say among the heathen *that* the LORD reigneth: the world also shall be established that it shall not be moved: he shall judge the people righteously.

¹¹ Let the heavens rejoice, and let the earth be glad; let the sea roar, and the fulness thereof. ¹² Let the field be joyful, and all that *is* therein: then shall all the trees of the wood rejoice ¹³ before the LORD: for he cometh, for he cometh to judge the earth: he shall judge the world with righteousness, and the people with his truth.

XCVII. THE LORD reigneth; let the earth rejoice; let the *multitude of isles be glad *thereof*. Heb. many, or, great isles.

² Clouds and darkness *are* round about him: righteousness and judgment *are* the *habitation of Or, establishment. his throne. ³ A fire goeth before him, and burneth up

his enemies round about. ⁴ His lightnings enlightened the world: the earth saw, and trembled. ⁵ The hills melted like wax at the presence of the LORD, at the presence of the Lord of the whole earth. ⁶ The heavens declare his righteousness, and all the people see his glory.

⁷ Confounded be all they that serve graven images, that boast themselves of idols: worship him, all *ye* gods.

⁸ Zion heard, and was glad; and the daughters of Judah rejoiced because of thy judgments, O LORD.

⁹ For thou, LORD, *art* high above all the earth: thou art exalted far above all gods.

¹⁰ Ye that love the LORD, hate evil: he preserveth the souls of his saints; he delivereth them out of the hand of the wicked. ¹¹ Light is sown for the righteous, and gladness for the upright in heart.

¹² Rejoice in the LORD, ye righteous; and give thanks * at the remembrance of his holiness.

Or, to the memorial.

XCVIII. A Psalm.

O SING unto the LORD a new song; for he hath done marvellous things: his right hand, and his holy arm, hath gotten him the victory.

² The LORD hath made known his salvation: his righteousness hath he * openly shewed in the *Or, revealed.* sight of the heathen. ³ He hath remembered his mercy and his truth toward the house of Israel: all the ends of the earth have seen the salvation of our God.

⁴ Make a joyful noise unto the LORD, all the earth: make a loud noise, and rejoice, and sing praise. ⁵ Sing unto the LORD with the harp; with the harp, and the voice of a psalm. ⁶ With trumpets and sound of cornet make a joyful noise before the LORD, the King. ⁷ Let

the sea roar, and the fulness thereof; the world, and they that dwell therein. ⁸ Let the floods clap *their* hands: let the hills be joyful together ⁹ before the LORD;

For he cometh to judge the earth: with righteousness shall he judge the world, and the people with equity.

XCIX. THE LORD reigneth; let the people tremble: he sitteth *between* the cherubims; let the earth *be moved. ² The LORD *is* great in Zion; and Heb. stagger. he *is* high above all the people.

³ Let them praise thy great and terrible name; *for* it *is* holy.

⁴ The king's strength also loveth judgment; thou dost establish equity, thou executest judgment and righteousness in Jacob. ⁵ Exalt ye the LORD our God, and worship at his footstool: *for* *he *is* holy. Or, it is holy.

⁶ Moses and Aaron among his priests, and Samuel among them that call upon his name; they called upon the LORD, and he answered them. ⁷ He spake unto them in the cloudy pillar: they kept his testimonies, and the ordinance *that* he gave them.

⁸ Thou answeredst them, O LORD our God: thou wast a God that forgavest them, though thou tookest vengeance of their inventions. ⁹ Exalt the LORD our God, and worship at his holy hill; for the LORD our God *is* holy.

C. A Psalm of *praise.

Or, thanksgiving.

MAKE a joyful noise unto the LORD, *all ye Heb. all the earth. lands. ² Serve the LORD with gladness: come before his presence with singing.

³ Know ye that the LORD he is God: *it is he that* hath made us, *and not we ourselves; *we are* ^{Or, and his we are.} his people, and the sheep of his pasture.

⁴ Enter into his gates with thanksgiving, *and* into his courts with praise: be thankful unto him, *and* bless his name.

⁵ For the LORD is good; his mercy is everlasting; and his truth *endureth* *to all generations. ^{Heb. to generation and generation.}

CI. A Psalm of David.

I WILL sing of mercy and judgment: unto thee, O LORD, will I sing.

² I will behave myself wisely in a perfect way. O when wilt thou come unto me? I will walk within my house with a perfect heart. ³ I will set no *wicked thing before mine eyes: I hate the ^{Heb. thing of Belial.} work of them that turn aside; *it* shall not cleave to me. ⁴ A froward heart shall depart from me: I will not know a wicked *person*. ⁵ Whoso privily slandereth his neighbour, him will I cut off: him that hath an high look and a proud heart will not I suffer.

⁶ Mine eyes *shall be* upon the faithful of the land, that they may dwell with me: he that walketh *in a perfect way, he shall serve me. ⁷ He ^{Or, perfect in the way.} that worketh deceit shall not dwell within my house: he that telleth lies *shall not tarry in my ^{Heb. shall not be established.} sight. ⁸ I will early destroy all the wicked of the land; that I may cut off all wicked doers from the city of the LORD.

CII. A Prayer *of the afflicted, when he is overwhelmed, ^{Or, for.} and poureth out his complaint before the LORD.

HEAR my prayer, O LORD, and let my cry come unto thee. ² Hide not thy face from me in the day

when I am in trouble; incline thine ear unto me: in the day *when* I call answer me speedily.

³ For my days are consumed *like smoke, ^{Or, (as some read) into smoke.} and my bones are burned as an hearth. ⁴ My heart is smitten, and withered like grass; so that I forget to eat my bread. ⁵ By reason of the voice of my groaning my bones cleave to my *skin. ⁶ I am like ^{Or, flesh.} a pelican of the wilderness: I am like an owl of the desert. ⁷ I watch, and am as a sparrow alone upon the house top.

⁸ Mine enemies reproach me all the day; *and* they that are mad against me are sworn against me. ⁹ For I have eaten ashes like bread, and mingled my drink with weeping, ¹⁰ because of thine indignation and thy wrath: for thou hast lifted me up, and cast me down.

¹¹ My days *are* like a shadow that declineth; and I am withered like grass. ¹² But thou, O LORD, shalt endure for ever; and thy remembrance unto all generations.

¹³ Thou shalt arise, *and* have mercy upon Zion: for the time to favour her, yea, the set time, is come. ¹⁴ For thy servants take pleasure in her stones, and favour the dust thereof. ¹⁵ So the heathen shall fear the name of the LORD, and all the kings of the earth thy glory. ¹⁶ When the LORD shall build up Zion, he shall appear in his glory.

¹⁷ He will regard the prayer of the destitute, and not despise their prayer. ¹⁸ This shall be written for the generation to come: and the people which shall be created shall praise the LORD. ¹⁹ For he hath looked down from the height of his sanctuary; from heaven did the LORD behold the earth; ²⁰ to hear the groaning of the prisoner; to loose *those that ^{Heb. the children of death.} are appointed to death; ²¹ to declare the name of the

LORD in Zion, and his praise in Jerusalem; ²² when the people are gathered together, and the kingdoms, to serve the LORD.

²³ He *weakened my strength in the way; Heb. afflicted. he shortened my days. ²⁴ I said, O my God, take me not away in the midst of my days: thy years *are* throughout all generations.

²⁵ Of old hast thou laid the foundation of the earth: and the heavens *are* the work of thy hands. ²⁶ They shall perish, but thou shalt *endure: yea, all Heb. stand. of them shall wax old like a garment; as a vesture shalt thou change them, and they shall be changed: ²⁷ but thou *art* the same, and thy years shall have no end.

²⁸ The children of thy servants shall continue, and their seed shall be established before thee.

CIII. *A Psalm of David.*

BLESS the LORD, O my soul: and all that is within me, *bless* his holy name.

² Bless the LORD, O my soul, and forget not all his benefits: ³ who forgiveth all thine iniquities; who healeth all thy diseases; ⁴ who redeemeth thy life from destruction; who crowneth thee with lovingkindness and tender mercies; ⁵ who satisfieth thy mouth with good *things*; so that thy youth is renewed like the eagle's.

⁶ The LORD executeth righteousness and judgment for all that are oppressed. ⁷ He made known his ways unto Moses, his acts unto the children of Israel.

⁸ The LORD *is* merciful and gracious, slow to anger, and *plenteous in mercy. ⁹ He will not always Heb. great of mercy. chide: neither will he keep *his anger* for ever.

¹⁰ He hath not dealt with us after our sins; nor

rewarded us according to our iniquities. ¹¹ For *as the heaven is high above the earth, so ^{Heb. according to the height of the heaven.} great is his mercy toward them that fear him. ¹² As far as the east is from the west, so far hath he removed our transgressions from us.

¹³ Like as a father pitieth *his* children, so the LORD pitieth them that fear him. ¹⁴ For he knoweth our frame; he remembereth that we *are* dust.

¹⁵ *As for* man, his days *are* as grass: as a flower of the field, so he flourisheth. ¹⁶ For the wind passeth over it, and *it is gone; and the place thereof ^{Heb. it is not.} shall know it no more. ¹⁷ But the mercy of the LORD *is* from everlasting to everlasting upon them that fear him, and his righteousness unto children's children; ¹⁸ to such as keep his covenant, and to those that remember his commandments to do them.

¹⁹ The LORD hath prepared his throne in the heavens; and his kingdom ruleth over all.

²⁰ Bless the LORD, ye his angels, *that excel ^{Heb. mighty in strength.} in strength, that do his commandments, hearkening unto the voice of his word. ²¹ Bless ye the LORD, all *ye* his hosts; *ye* ministers of his, that do his pleasure. ²² Bless the LORD, all his works in all places of his dominion: bless the LORD, O my soul.

CIV. BLESS the LORD, O my soul. O LORD my God, thou art very great; thou art clothed with honour and majesty. ² Who coverest *thyself* with light as *with* a garment: who stretchest out the heavens like a curtain: ³ who layeth the beams of his chambers in the waters: who maketh the clouds his chariot: who walketh upon the wings of the wind: ⁴ who maketh his angels spirits; his ministers a flaming fire: ⁵ *who laid the foundations of the earth, ^{Heb. he hath founded the earth upon her bases.} that it should not be removed for ever.

⁶ Thou coveredst it with the deep as *with* a garment: the waters stood above the mountains. ⁷ At thy rebuke they fled; at the voice of thy thunder they hasted away. ⁸ *They go up by the Or, *The mountains ascend, the valleys descend.* mountains; they go down by the valleys unto the place which thou hast founded for them. ⁹ Thou hast set a bound that they may not pass over; that they turn not again to cover the earth.

¹⁰ *He sendeth the springs into the valleys, Heb. *Who sendeth.* *which* *run among the hills. ¹¹ They give Heb. *walk.* drink to every beast of the field: the wild asses *quench their thirst. Heb. *break.*

¹² By them shall the fowls of the heaven have their habitation, *which* *sing among the branches. Heb. *give a voice.* ¹³ He watereth the hills from his chambers: the earth is satisfied with the fruit of thy works. ¹⁴ He causeth the grass to grow for the cattle, and herb for the service of man: that he may bring forth food out of the earth; ¹⁵ and wine *that* maketh glad the heart of man, *and* *oil to make *his* face to Heb. *to make his face shine with oil, or, more than oil.* shine, and bread *which* strengtheneth man's heart.

¹⁶ The trees of the LORD are full of *sap*; the cedars of Lebanon, which he hath planted; ¹⁷ where the birds make their nests: *as for* the stork, the fir trees *are* her house. ¹⁸ The high hills *are* a refuge for the wild goats; *and* the rocks for the conies.

¹⁹ He appointed the moon for seasons: the sun knoweth his going down. ²⁰ Thou makest darkness, and it is night: wherein *all the beasts Heb. *all the beasts thereof do trample on the forest.* of the forest do creep *forth*. ²¹ The young lions roar after their prey, and seek their meat from God. ²² The sun ariseth, they gather themselves together, and lay them down in their dens. ²³ Man goeth forth unto his work and to his labour until the evening.

²⁴ O LORD, how manifold are thy works! in wisdom

hast thou made them all: the earth is full of thy riches. ²⁵ *So is this great and wide sea, wherein are things creeping innumerable, both small and great beasts.* ²⁶ *There go the ships: there is that leviathan, whom thou hast *made to play therein.* *Heb. formed.*

²⁷ These wait all upon thee; that thou mayest give *them* their meat in due season. ²⁸ *That* thou givest them they gather: thou openest thine hand, they are filled with good.

²⁹ Thou hidest thy face, they are troubled: thou takest away their breath, they die, and return to their dust. ³⁰ Thou sendest forth thy spirit, they are created: and thou renewest the face of the earth.

³¹ The glory of the LORD *shall endure for *Heb. shall be.* ever: the LORD shall rejoice in his works. ³² He looketh on the earth, and it trembleth: he toucheth the hills, and they smoke.

³³ I will sing unto the LORD as long as I live: I will sing praise to my God while I have my being. ³⁴ My meditation of him shall be sweet: I will be glad in the LORD.

³⁵ Let the sinners be consumed out of the earth, and let the wicked be no more. Bless thou the LORD, O my soul. Praise ye the LORD.

CV. O GIVE thanks unto the LORD; call upon his name: make known his deeds among the people. ² Sing unto him, sing psalms unto him: talk ye of all his wondrous works. ³ Glory ye in his holy name: let the heart of them rejoice that seek the LORD.

⁴ Seek the LORD, and his strength: seek his face evermore. ⁵ Remember his marvellous works that he hath done; his wonders, and the judgments of his mouth; ⁶ O ye seed of Abraham his servant, ye children of Jacob his chosen.

⁷ He *is* the LORD our God: his judgments *are* in all the earth. ⁸ He hath remembered his covenant for ever, the word *which* he commanded to a thousand generations. ⁹ Which *covenant* he made with Abraham, and his oath unto Isaac; ¹⁰ and confirmed the same unto Jacob for a law, *and* to Israel *for* an everlasting covenant: ¹¹ saying, Unto thee will I give the land of Canaan, * the lot of your inheritance: ¹² when Heb. the cord. there were *but* a few men in number; yea, very few, and strangers in it.

¹³ When they went from one nation to another, from *one* kingdom to another people; ¹⁴ he suffered no man to do them wrong: yea, he reprov'd kings for their sakes; ¹⁵ *saying*, Touch not mine anointed, and do my prophets no harm.

¹⁶ Moreover he called for a famine upon the land: he brake the whole staff of bread. ¹⁷ He sent a man before them, *even* Joseph, *who* was sold for a servant: ¹⁸ whose feet they hurt with fetters: * he was Heb. his soul came into iron. laid in iron: ¹⁹ until the time that his word came: the word of the LORD tried him. ²⁰ The king sent and loosed him; *even* the ruler of the people, and let him go free. ²¹ He made him lord of his house, and ruler of all his * substance: ²² to bind his princes Heb. possession. at his pleasure; and teach his senators wisdom.

²³ Israel also came into Egypt; and Jacob sojourned in the land of Ham. ²⁴ And he increased his people greatly; and made them stronger than their enemies. ²⁵ He turned their heart to hate his people, to deal subtilly with his servants.

²⁶ He sent Moses his servant; *and* Aaron whom he had chosen. ²⁷ They shewed * his signs among Heb. words of his signs. them, and wonders in the land of Ham.

²⁸ He sent darkness, and made it dark; and they rebelled not against his word. ²⁹ He turned their

waters into blood, and slew their fish. ³⁰ Their land brought forth frogs in abundance, in the chambers of their kings. ³¹ He spake, and there came divers sorts of flies, *and* lice in all their coasts. ³² * He ^{Heb. *He gave their rain hail.*} gave them hail for rain, *and* flaming fire in their land. ³³ He smote their vines also and their fig trees; and brake the trees of their coasts. ³⁴ He spake, and the locusts came, and caterpillers, and that without number, ³⁵ and did eat up all the herbs in their land, and devoured the fruit of their ground. ³⁶ He smote also all the firstborn in their land, the chief of all their strength.

³⁷ He brought them forth also with silver and gold: and *there was* not one feeble *person* among their tribes.

³⁸ Egypt was glad when they departed: for the fear of them fell upon them.

³⁹ He spread a cloud for a covering; and fire to give light in the night. ⁴⁰ *The people* asked, and he brought quails, and satisfied them with the bread of heaven. ⁴¹ He opened the rock, and the waters gushed out; they ran in the dry places *like* a river.

⁴² For he remembered his holy promise, *and* Abraham his servant. ⁴³ And he brought forth his people with joy, *and* his chosen with *gladness: ⁴⁴ and ^{Heb. *singing.*} gave them the lands of the heathen: and they inherited the labour of the people; ⁴⁵ that they might observe his statutes, and keep his laws. *Praise ye ^{Heb. *Hallelujah.*} the LORD.

CVI. *PRAISE ye the LORD. O give ^{Heb. *Hallelujah.*} thanks unto the LORD; for *he is* good: for his mercy *endureth* for ever.

² Who can utter the mighty acts of the LORD? *who* can shew forth all his praise?

³ Blessed *are* they that keep judgment, *and* he that doeth righteousness at all times.

⁴ Remember me, O LORD, with the favour *that thou bearest unto* thy people: O visit me with thy salvation; ⁵ that I may see the good of thy chosen, that I may rejoice in the gladness of thy nation, that I may glory with thine inheritance.

⁶ We have sinned with our fathers, we have committed iniquity, we have done wickedly. ⁷ Our fathers understood not thy wonders in Egypt; they remembered not the multitude of thy mercies; but provoked *him* at the sea, *even* at the Red sea. ⁸ Nevertheless he saved them for his name's sake, that he might make his mighty power to be known.

⁹ He rebuked the Red sea also, and it was dried up: so he led them through the depths, as through the wilderness. ¹⁰ And he saved them from the hand of him that hated *them*, and redeemed them from the hand of the enemy. ¹¹ And the waters covered their enemies: there was not one of them left. ¹² Then believed they his words; they sang his praise.

¹³ *They soon forgot his works; they ^{Heb. They made haste, they forgot.} waited not for his counsel: ¹⁴ but *lusted ex- ^{Heb. lusted a lust.} ceedingly in the wilderness, and tempted God in the desert. ¹⁵ And he gave them their request; but sent leanness into their soul.

¹⁶ They envied Moses also in the camp, *and* Aaron the saint of the LORD. ¹⁷ The earth opened and swallowed up Dathan, and covered the company of Abiram. ¹⁸ And a fire was kindled in their company; the flame burned up the wicked.

¹⁹ They made a calf in Horeb, and worshipped the molten image. ²⁰ Thus they changed their glory into the similitude of an ox that eateth grass. ²¹ They forgot God their saviour, which had done great things

in Egypt; ²² wondrous works in the land of Ham, *and* terrible things by the Red sea.

²³ Therefore he said that he would destroy them, had not Moses his chosen stood before him in the breach, to turn away his wrath, lest he should destroy *them*.

²⁴ Yea, they despised ^{*}the pleasant land, Heb. a land of desire. they believed not his word: ²⁵ but murmured in their tents, *and* hearkened not unto the voice of the LORD.

²⁶ Therefore he lifted up his hand against them, to overthrow them in the wilderness: ²⁷ ^{*}to Heb. to make them full. overthrow their seed also among the nations, and to scatter them in the lands.

²⁸ They joined themselves also unto Baal-peor, and ate the sacrifices of the dead. ²⁹ Thus they provoked *him* to anger with their inventions: and the plague brake in upon them. ³⁰ Then stood up Phinehas, and executed judgment: and *so* the plague was stayed. ³¹ And that was counted unto him for righteousness unto all generations for evermore.

³² They angered *him* also at the waters of strife, so that it went ill with Moses for their sakes: ³³ because they provoked his spirit, so that he spake unadvisedly with his lips.

³⁴ They did not destroy the nations concerning whom the LORD commanded them: ³⁵ but were mingled among the heathen, and learned their works. ³⁶ And they served their idols: which were a snare unto them. ³⁷ Yea, they sacrificed their sons and their daughters unto devils, ³⁸ and shed innocent blood, *even* the blood of their sons and of their daughters, whom they sacrificed unto the idols of Canaan: and the land was polluted with blood. ³⁹ Thus were they defiled with their own works, and went a whoring with their own inventions.

⁴⁰ Therefore was the wrath of the LORD kindled against his people, insomuch that he abhorred his own inheritance. ⁴¹ And he gave them into the hand of the heathen; and they that hated them ruled over them. ⁴² Their enemies also oppressed them, and they were brought into subjection under their hand.

⁴³ Many times did he deliver them; but they provoked *him* with their counsel, and were *brought low for their iniquity.

*Or, impoverished.
or, weakened.*

⁴⁴ Nevertheless he regarded their affliction, when he heard their cry: ⁴⁵ and he remembered for them his covenant, and repented according to the multitude of his mercies. ⁴⁶ He made them also to be pitied of all those that carried them captives.

⁴⁷ Save us, O LORD our God, and gather us from among the heathen, to give thanks unto thy holy name, *and* to triumph in thy praise. ⁴⁸ Blessed *be* the LORD God of Israel from everlasting to everlasting: and let all the people say, Amen. *Praise Heb. Hallelujah. ye the LORD.

CVII. O GIVE thanks unto the LORD, for *he is* good: for his mercy *endureth* for ever.

² Let the redeemed of the LORD say *so*, whom he hath redeemed from the hand of the enemy; ³ and gathered them out of the lands, from the east, and from the west, from the north, and *from the Heb. from the sea. south. ⁴ They wandered in the wilderness in a solitary way; they found no city to dwell in. ⁵ Hungry and thirsty, their soul fainted in them. ⁶ Then they cried unto the LORD in their trouble, *and* he delivered them out of their distresses. ⁷ And he led them forth by the right way, that they might go to a city of habitation.

⁸ Oh that *men* would praise the LORD *for* his good-

ness, and *for* his wonderful works to the children of men! ⁹ For he satisfieth the longing soul, and filleth the hungry soul with goodness. ¹⁰ Such as sit in darkness and in the shadow of death, *being* bound in affliction and iron; ¹¹ because they rebelled against the words of God, and contemned the counsel of the most High: ¹² therefore he brought down their heart with labour; they fell down, and *there was* none to help.

¹³ Then they cried unto the LORD in their trouble, *and* he saved them out of their distresses. ¹⁴ He brought them out of darkness and the shadow of death, and brake their bands in sunder.

¹⁵ Oh that *men* would praise the LORD *for* his goodness, and *for* his wonderful works to the children of men! ¹⁶ For he hath broken the gates of brass, and cut the bars of iron in sunder.

¹⁷ Fools because of their transgression, and because of their iniquities, are afflicted. ¹⁸ Their soul abhorreth all manner of meat; and they draw near unto the gates of death. ¹⁹ Then they cry unto the LORD in their trouble, *and* he saveth them out of their distresses. ²⁰ He sent his word, and healed them, and delivered *them* from their destructions.

²¹ Oh that *men* would praise the LORD *for* his goodness, and *for* his wonderful works to the children of men! ²² And let them sacrifice the sacrifices of thanksgiving, and declare his works with *rejoicing. Heb. singing.

²³ They that go down to the sea in ships, that do business in great waters; ²⁴ these see the works of the LORD, and his wonders in the deep. ²⁵ For he commandeth, and *raiseth the stormy wind, which Heb. maketh to stand. lifteth up the waves thereof. ²⁶ They mount up to the heaven, they go down again to the depths: their soul is melted because of trouble. ²⁷ They reel to and fro, and stagger like a drunken man, and *are Heb. all their wisdom is swallowed up.

at their wit's end. ²⁸ Then they cry unto the LORD in their trouble, and he bringeth them out of their distresses. ²⁹ He maketh the storm a calm, so that the waves thereof are still. ³⁰ Then are they glad because they be quiet; so he bringeth them unto their desired haven.

³¹ Oh that *men* would praise the LORD *for* his goodness, and *for* his wonderful works to the children of men! ³² Let them exalt him also in the congregation of the people, and praise him in the assembly of the elders. ³³ He turneth rivers into a wilderness, and the watersprings into dry ground; ³⁴ a fruitful land into *barrenness, for the wickedness of them Heb. saltness. that dwell therein. ³⁵ He turneth the wilderness into a standing water, and dry ground into watersprings. ³⁶ And there he maketh the hungry to dwell, that they may prepare a city for habitation; ³⁷ and sow the fields, and plant vineyards, which may yield fruits of increase. ³⁸ He blesseth them also, so that they are multiplied greatly; and suffereth not their cattle to decrease.

³⁹ Again, they are minished and brought low through oppression, affliction, and sorrow. ⁴⁰ He poureth contempt upon princes, and causeth them to wander in the *wilderness, *where there is no way.* ⁴¹ Yet Or, void place. setteth he the poor on high *from affliction, and Or, after. maketh *him* families like a flock.

⁴² The righteous shall see *it*, and rejoice: and all iniquity shall stop her mouth. ⁴³ Whoso *is* wise, and will observe these *things*, even they shall understand the lovingkindness of the LORD.

CVIII. A Song *or* Psalm of David.

O God, my heart is fixed; I will sing and give praise, even with my glory. ² Awake, psaltery and

harp: I *myself* will awake early. ³ I will praise thee, O LORD, among the people: and I will sing praises unto thee among the nations.

⁴ For thy mercy *is* great above the heavens: and thy truth *reacheth* unto the *clouds. ⁵ Be thou Or, *skies*. exalted, O God, above the heavens: and thy glory above all the earth; ⁶ that thy beloved may be delivered: save *with* thy right hand, and answer me.

⁷ God hath spoken in his holiness; I will rejoice, I will divide Shechem, and mete out the valley of Succoth. ⁸ Gilead *is* mine; Manasseh *is* mine; Ephraim also *is* the strength of mine head; Judah *is* my law-giver; ⁹ Moab *is* my washpot; over Edom will I cast out my shoe; over Philistia will I triumph.

¹⁰ Who will bring me into the strong city? who will lead me into Edom? ¹¹ *Wilt* not thou, O God, *who* hast cast us off? and wilt not thou, O God, go forth with our hosts? ¹² Give us help from trouble: for vain *is* the help of man. ¹³ Through God we shall do valiantly: for he *it is that* shall tread down our enemies.

CIX. To the chief Musician, A Psalm of David.

HOLD not thy peace, O God of my praise; ² for the mouth of the wicked and the *mouth of the Heb. *mouth of deceit*. deceitful *are opened against me: they have Heb. *have opened themselves*. spoken against me with a lying tongue. ³ They compassed me about also with words of hatred; and fought against me without a cause. ⁴ For my love they are my adversaries: but I *give myself* unto prayer. ⁵ And they have rewarded me evil for good, and hatred for my love.

⁶ Set thou a wicked man over him: and let *Satan stand at his right hand. ⁷ When he Or, *an adversary*. shall be judged, let him *be condemned: Heb. *go out guilty*, or, *wicked*.

and let his prayer become sin. ⁸ Let his days be few; *and* let another take his ^{*}office. ⁹ Let his chil- Or, charge. dren be fatherless, and his wife a widow. ¹⁰ Let his children be continually vagabonds, and beg: let them seek *their bread* also out of their desolate places. ¹¹ Let the extortioner catch all that he hath; and let the strangers spoil his labour. ¹² Let there be none to extend mercy unto him: neither let there be any to favour his fatherless children. ¹³ Let his posterity be cut off; *and* in the generation following let their name be blotted out. ¹⁴ Let the iniquity of his fathers be remembered with the LORD; and let not the sin of his mother be blotted out. ¹⁵ Let them be before the LORD continually, that he may cut off the memory of them from the earth. ¹⁶ Because that he remembered not to shew mercy, but persecuted the poor and needy man, that he might even slay the broken in heart.

¹⁷ As he loved cursing, so let it come unto him: as he delighted not in blessing, so let it be far from him. ¹⁸ As he clothed himself with cursing like as with his garment, so let it come ^{*}into his bowels like Heb. within him. water, and like oil into his bones. ¹⁹ Let it be unto him as the garment *which* covereth him, and for a girdle wherewith he is girded continually. ²⁰ *Let* this *be* the reward of mine adversaries from the LORD, and of them that speak evil against my soul.

²¹ But do thou for me, O God the Lord, for thy name's sake: because thy mercy *is* good, deliver thou me. ²² For I *am* poor and needy, and my heart is wounded within me. ²³ I am gone like the shadow when it declineth: I am tossed up and down as the locust. ²⁴ My knees are weak through fasting; and my flesh faileth of fatness. ²⁵ I became also a reproach unto them: *when* they looked upon me they shook their heads.

²⁶ Help me, O LORD my God: O save me according to thy mercy: ²⁷ that they may know that this *is* thy hand; *that* thou, LORD, hast done it.

²⁸ Let them curse, but bless thou: when they arise, let them be ashamed; but let thy servant rejoice.

²⁹ Let mine adversaries be clothed with shame, and let them cover themselves with their own confusion, as with a mantle.

³⁰ I will greatly praise the LORD with my mouth; yea, I will praise him among the multitude. ³¹ For he shall stand at the right hand of the poor, to save *him* *from those that condemn his soul.

Heb. *from the judges of his soul.*

CX. A Psalm of David.

THE LORD said unto my Lord, Sit thou at my right hand, until I make thine enemies thy footstool. ² The LORD shall send the rod of thy strength out of Zion: rule thou in the midst of thine enemies.

³ Thy people *shall be* willing in the day of thy power, in the beauties of holiness *from Or, more than the womb of the morning; thou shalt have, &c. the womb of the morning; thou hast the dew of thy youth.

⁴ The LORD hath sworn, and will not repent, Thou *art* a priest for ever after the order of Melchizedek.

⁵ The Lord at thy right hand shall strike through kings in the day of his wrath. ⁶ He shall judge among the heathen, he shall fill *the places* with the dead bodies; he shall wound the heads over *many countries. Or, great.

⁷ He shall drink of the brook in the way: therefore shall he lift up the head.

CXI. *PRAISE ye the LORD. I will Heb. Hallelujah. praise the LORD with *my* whole heart, in the assembly of the upright, and *in* the congregation.

² The works of the LORD *are* great, sought out of all them that have pleasure therein. ³ His work *is* honourable and glorious: and his righteousness endureth for ever. ⁴ He hath made his wonderful works to be remembered: the LORD *is* gracious and full of compassion. ⁵ He hath given *meat unto them Heb. prey. that fear him: he will ever be mindful of his covenant. ⁶ He hath shewed his people the power of his works, that he may give them the heritage of the heathen.

⁷ The works of his hands *are* verity and judgment; all his commandments *are* sure. ⁸ They *stand Heb. are established. fast for ever and ever, *and are* done in truth and uprightness. ⁹ He sent redemption unto his people: he hath commanded his covenant for ever: holy and reverend *is* his name.

¹⁰ The fear of the LORD *is* the beginning of wisdom: *a good understanding have all they *that Or, good success.
Heb. that do them. do *his commandments*: his praise endureth for ever.

CXII. *PRAISE ye the LORD. Blessed Heb. Hallelujah. *is* the man *that* feareth the LORD, *that* delighteth greatly in his commandments. ² His seed shall be mighty upon earth: the generation of the upright shall be blessed. ³ Wealth and riches *shall be* in his house: and his righteousness endureth for ever.

⁴ Unto the upright there ariseth light in the darkness: *he is* gracious, and full of compassion, and righteous.

⁵ A good man sheweth favour, and lendeth: he will guide his affairs with *discretion. ⁶ Surely Heb. judgment. he shall not be moved for ever: the righteous shall be in everlasting remembrance. ⁷ He shall not be afraid of evil tidings: his heart is fixed, trusting in the LORD. ⁸ His heart *is* established, he shall not be afraid, until

he see *his desire* upon his enemies. ⁹ He hath dispersed, he hath given to the poor; his righteousness endureth for ever; his horn shall be exalted with honour.

¹⁰ The wicked shall see *it*, and be grieved; he shall gnash with his teeth, and melt away: the desire of the wicked shall perish.

CXIII. *PRAISE ye the LORD. Praise, O ye <sup>Heb. Halle-
lujah.</sup> servants of the LORD, praise the name of the LORD. ² Blessed be the name of the LORD from this time forth and for evermore. ³ From the rising of the sun unto the going down of the same the LORD's name *is* to be praised.

⁴ The LORD *is* high above all nations, *and* his glory above the heavens. ⁵ Who *is* like unto the LORD our God, who *dwelleth on high, ⁶ who humbleth <sup>Heb. exalteth
himself to dwell.</sup> *himself* to behold *the things that are* in heaven, and in the earth!

⁷ He raiseth up the poor out of the dust, *and* lifteth the needy out of the dunghill; ⁸ that he may set *him* with princes, *even* with the princes of his people. ⁹ He maketh the barren woman *to keep house, *and* <sup>Heb. to dwell
in an house.</sup> *to be* a joyful mother of children. Praise ye the LORD.

CXIV. WHEN Israel went out of Egypt, the house of Jacob from a people of strange language; ² Judah was his sanctuary, *and* Israel his dominion.

³ The sea saw *it*, and fled: Jordan was driven back. ⁴ The mountains skipped like rams, *and* the little hills like lambs.

⁵ What *ailed* thee, O thou sea, that thou fleddest? thou Jordan, *that* thou wast driven back? ⁶ Ye mountains, *that* ye skipped like rams; *and* ye little hills, like lambs?

⁷ Tremble, thou earth, at the presence of the Lord, at the presence of the God of Jacob; ⁸ which turned the rock *into* a standing water, the flint into a fountain of waters.

CXV. NOT unto us, O LORD, not unto us, but unto thy name give glory, for thy mercy, *and* for thy truth's sake. ² Wherefore should the heathen say, Where *is* now their God? ³ But our God *is* in the heavens: he hath done whatsoever he hath pleased.

⁴ Their idols *are* silver and gold, the work of men's hands. ⁵ They have mouths, but they speak not: eyes have they, but they see not: ⁶ they have ears, but they hear not: noses have they, but they smell not: ⁷ they have hands, but they handle not: feet have they, but they walk not: neither speak they through their throat. ⁸ They that make them are like unto them; *so* *is* every one that trusteth in them.

⁹ O Israel, trust thou in the LORD: he *is* their help and their shield. ¹⁰ O house of Aaron, trust in the LORD: he *is* their help and their shield. ¹¹ Ye that fear the LORD, trust in the LORD: he *is* their help and their shield.

¹² The LORD hath been mindful of us: he will bless *us*; he will bless the house of Israel; he will bless the house of Aaron. ¹³ He will bless them that fear the LORD, *both* small * and great. ¹⁴ The LORD shall Heb. with. increase you more and more, you and your children. ¹⁵ Ye *are* blessed of the LORD which made heaven and earth.

¹⁶ The heaven, *even* the heavens, *are* the LORD's: but the earth hath he given to the children of men. ¹⁷ The dead praise not the LORD, neither any that go down into silence. ¹⁸ But we will bless the LORD from this time forth and for evermore. Praise the LORD.

CXVI. I LOVE the LORD, because he hath heard my voice *and* my supplications. ² Because he hath inclined his ear unto me, therefore will I call upon *him* *as long as I live. Heb. in my days.

³ The sorrows of death compassed me, and the pains of hell *gat hold upon me: I found trouble Heb. found me. and sorrow. ⁴ Then called I upon the name of the LORD; O LORD, I beseech thee, deliver my soul.

⁵ Gracious *is* the LORD, and righteous; yea, our God *is* merciful. ⁶ The LORD preserveth the simple: I was brought low, and he helped me. ⁷ Return unto thy rest, O my soul; for the LORD hath dealt bountifully with thee. ⁸ For thou hast delivered my soul from death, mine eyes from tears, *and* my feet from falling.

⁹ I will walk before the LORD in the land of the living. ¹⁰ I believed, therefore have I spoken: I was greatly afflicted: ¹¹ I said in my haste, All men *are* liars.

¹² What shall I render unto the LORD *for* all his benefits toward me? ¹³ I will take the cup of salvation, and call upon the name of the LORD. ¹⁴ I will pay my vows unto the LORD now in the presence of all his people.

¹⁵ Precious in the sight of the LORD *is* the death of his saints. ¹⁶ O LORD, truly I *am* thy servant; I *am* thy servant, *and* the son of thine handmaid: thou hast loosed my bonds. ¹⁷ I will offer to thee the sacrifice of thanksgiving, and will call upon the name of the LORD. ¹⁸ I will pay my vows unto the LORD now in the presence of all his people, ¹⁹ in the courts of the LORD's house, in the midst of thee, O Jerusalem. Praise ye the LORD.

CXVII. O PRAISE the LORD, all ye nations: praise him, all ye people. ² For his merciful kindness is

great toward us: and the truth of the LORD *endureth* for ever. Praise ye the LORD.

CXVIII. O GIVE thanks unto the LORD; for *he is* good: because his mercy *endureth* for ever.

² Let Israel now say, that his mercy *endureth* for ever. ³ Let the house of Aaron now say, that his mercy *endureth* for ever. ⁴ Let them now that fear the LORD say, that his mercy *endureth* for ever.

⁵ I called upon the LORD *in distress: the LORD answered me, *and set me* in a large place. ⁶ The LORD *is* *on my side; I will not fear: what can man do unto me? ⁷ The LORD taketh my part with them that help me: therefore shall I see *my desire* upon them that hate me.

⁸ *It is* better to trust in the LORD than to put confidence in man. ⁹ *It is* better to trust in the LORD than to put confidence in princes.

¹⁰ All nations compassed me about: but in the name of the LORD will I *destroy them. ¹¹ They compassed me about; yea, they compassed me about: but in the name of the LORD I will destroy them. ¹² They compassed me about like bees; they are quenched as the fire of thorns: for in the name of the LORD I will *destroy them.

Heb. cut down.

¹³ Thou hast thrust sore at me that I might fall: but the LORD helped me. ¹⁴ The LORD *is* my strength and song, and is become my salvation.

¹⁵ The voice of rejoicing and salvation *is* in the tabernacles of the righteous: the right hand of the LORD doeth valiantly. ¹⁶ The right hand of the LORD is exalted: the right hand of the LORD doeth valiantly.

¹⁷ I shall not die, but live, and declare the works of the LORD. ¹⁸ The LORD hath chastened me sore: but he hath not given me over unto death.

¹⁹ Open to me the gates of righteousness: I will go into them, *and* I will praise the LORD: ²⁰ this gate of the LORD, into which the righteous shall enter. ²¹ I will praise thee: for thou hast heard me, and art become my salvation.

²² The stone *which* the builders refused is become the head *stone* of the corner. ²³ * This is the ^{Heb. This is from the LORD.} LORD's doing; it *is* marvellous in our eyes. ²⁴ This *is* the day *which* the LORD hath made; we will rejoice and be glad in it.

²⁵ Save now, I beseech thee, O LORD: O LORD, I beseech thee, send now prosperity.

²⁶ Blessed *be* he that cometh in the name of the LORD: we have blessed you out of the house of the LORD. ²⁷ God *is* the LORD, which hath shewed us light: bind the sacrifice with cords, *even* unto the horns of the altar. ²⁸ Thou *art* my God, and I will praise thee: *thou art* my God, I will exalt thee.

²⁹ O give thanks unto the LORD; for *he is* good: for his mercy *endureth* for ever.

CXIX. ALEPH. Blessed *are* the *undefiled ^{Or, perfect, or, sincere.} in the way, who walk in the law of the LORD. ² Blessed *are* they that keep his testimonies, *and that* seek him with the whole heart. ³ They also do no iniquity: they walk in his ways.

⁴ Thou hast commanded *us* to keep thy precepts diligently.

⁵ O that my ways were directed to keep thy statutes!
⁶ Then shall I not be ashamed, when I have respect unto all thy commandments.

⁷ I will praise thee with uprightness of heart, when I shall have learned *thy righteous judg- ^{Heb. judgments of thy righteousness.} ments. ⁸ I will keep thy statutes: O forsake me not utterly.

BETH. ⁹ Wherewithal shall a young man cleanse his way? by taking heed *thereto* according to thy word.

¹⁰ With my whole heart have I sought thee: O let me not wander from thy commandments. ¹¹ Thy word have I hid in mine heart, that I might not sin against thee.

¹² Blessed *art* thou, O LORD: teach me thy statutes. ¹³ With my lips have I declared all the judgments of thy mouth. ¹⁴ I have rejoiced in the way of thy testimonies, as *much as* in all riches. ¹⁵ I will meditate in thy precepts, and have respect unto thy ways. ¹⁶ I will delight myself in thy statutes: I will not forget thy word.

GIMEL. ¹⁷ Deal bountifully with thy servant, *that* I may live, and keep thy word. ¹⁸ * Open thou Heb. Reveal. mine eyes, that I may behold wondrous things out of thy law. ¹⁹ I *am* a stranger in the earth: hide not thy commandments from me.

²⁰ My soul breaketh for the longing *that it hath* unto thy judgments at all times.

²¹ Thou hast rebuked the proud *that are* cursed, which do err from thy commandments. ²² Remove from me reproach and contempt; for I have kept thy testimonies. ²³ Princes also did sit *and* speak against me: *but* thy servant did meditate in thy statutes.

²⁴ Thy testimonies also *are* my delight *and* *my Heb. men of my counsel. counsellors.

DALETH. ²⁵ My soul cleaveth unto the dust: quicken thou me according to thy word.

²⁶ I have declared my ways, and thou heardest me: teach me thy statutes. ²⁷ Make me to understand the way of thy precepts: so shall I talk of thy wondrous works.

²⁸ My soul *melteth for heaviness: streng- Heb. droppeth. then thou me according unto thy word. ²⁹ Remove from me the way of lying: and grant me thy law graciously.

³⁰ I have chosen the way of truth: thy judgments have I laid *before me*. ³¹ I have stuck unto thy testimonies: O LORD, put me not to shame. ³² I will run the way of thy commandments, when thou shalt enlarge my heart.

HE. ³³ Teach me, O LORD, the way of thy statutes; and I shall keep it *unto* the end. ³⁴ Give me understanding, and I shall keep thy law; yea, I shall observe it with *my* whole heart.

³⁵ Make me to go in the path of thy commandments; for therein do I delight. ³⁶ Incline my heart unto thy testimonies, and not to covetousness.

³⁷ *Turn away mine eyes from beholding ^{Heb. Make to pass.} vanity; *and* quicken thou me in thy way. ³⁸ Stablish thy word unto thy servant, who *is devoted* to thy fear. ³⁹ Turn away my reproach which I fear: for thy judgments *are* good.

⁴⁰ Behold, I have longed after thy precepts: quicken me in thy righteousness.

VAU. ⁴¹ Let thy mercies come also unto me, O LORD, *even* thy salvation, according to thy word.

⁴² *So shall I have wherewith to ^{Or, So shall I answer him that reproacheth me in a thing.}

answer him that reproacheth me: for I trust in thy word. ⁴³ And take not the word of truth utterly out of my mouth; for I have hoped in thy judgments.

⁴⁴ So shall I keep thy law continually for ever and ever.

⁴⁵ And I will walk *at liberty: for I seek thy ^{Heb. at large.}

precepts. ⁴⁶ I will speak of thy testimonies also before kings, and will not be ashamed. ⁴⁷ And I will delight myself in thy commandments, which I have loved. ⁴⁸ My hands also will I lift up unto thy commandments, which I have loved; and I will meditate in thy statutes.

ZAIN. ⁴⁹ Remember the word unto thy servant,

upon which thou hast caused me to hope. ⁵⁰ This is my comfort in my affliction: for thy word hath quickened me. ⁵¹ The proud have had me greatly in derision: *yet* have I not declined from thy law. ⁵² I remembered thy judgments of old, O LORD; and have comforted myself.

⁵³ Horror hath taken hold upon me because of the wicked that forsake thy law. ⁵⁴ Thy statutes have been my songs in the house of my pilgrimage. ⁵⁵ I have remembered thy name, O LORD, in the night, and have kept thy law. ⁵⁶ This I had, because I kept thy precepts.

CHETH. ⁵⁷ *Thou art* my portion, O LORD: I have said that I would keep thy words. ⁵⁸ I intreated thy *favour with *my* whole heart: be merciful unto Heb. face. me according to thy word. ⁵⁹ I thought on my ways, and turned my feet unto thy testimonies. ⁶⁰ I made haste, and delayed not to keep thy commandments.

⁶¹ The *bands of the wicked have robbed Or, companies. me: *but* I have not forgotten thy law. ⁶² At midnight I will rise to give thanks unto thee because of thy righteous judgments. ⁶³ I *am* a companion of all *them* that fear thee, and of them that keep thy precepts.

⁶⁴ The earth, O LORD, is full of thy mercy: teach me thy statutes.

TETH. ⁶⁵ Thou hast dealt well with thy servant, O LORD, according unto thy word. ⁶⁶ Teach me good judgment and knowledge: for I have believed thy commandments.

⁶⁷ Before I was afflicted I went astray: but now have I kept thy word. ⁶⁸ Thou *art* good, and doest good; teach me thy statutes.

⁶⁹ The proud have forged a lie against me: *but* I will keep thy precepts with *my* whole heart. ⁷⁰ Their heart is as fat as grease; *but* I delight in thy law.

⁷¹ *It is good for me that I have been afflicted; that I might learn thy statutes.* ⁷² The law of thy mouth is better unto me than thousands of gold and silver.

JOD. ⁷³ Thy hands have made me and fashioned me: give me understanding, that I may learn thy commandments. ⁷⁴ They that fear thee will be glad when they see me; because I have hoped in thy word. ⁷⁵ I know, O LORD, that thy judgments *are* *right, and *that* thou in faithfulness hast afflicted me. Heb. righteousness.

⁷⁶ Let, I pray thee, thy merciful kindness be *for my comfort, according to thy word unto thy Heb. to comfort me. servant. ⁷⁷ Let thy tender mercies come unto me, that I may live: for thy law *is* my delight.

⁷⁸ Let the proud be ashamed; for they dealt perversely with me without a cause: *but* I will meditate in thy precepts. ⁷⁹ Let those that fear thee turn unto me, and those that have known thy testimonies. ⁸⁰ Let my heart be sound in thy statutes; that I be not ashamed.

CAPH. ⁸¹ My soul fainteth for thy salvation: *but* I hope in thy word. ⁸² Mine eyes fail for thy word, saying, When wilt thou comfort me? ⁸³ For I am become like a bottle in the smoke; *yet* do I not forget thy statutes.

⁸⁴ How many *are* the days of thy servant? when wilt thou execute judgment on them that persecute me? ⁸⁵ The proud have digged pits for me, which *are* not after thy law. ⁸⁶ All thy commandments *are* *faithful: they persecute me wrongfully; Heb. faithfulness. help thou me.

⁸⁷ They had almost consumed me upon earth; but I forsook not thy precepts. ⁸⁸ Quicken me after thy lovingkindness; so shall I keep the testimony of thy mouth.

LAMED. ⁸⁹ For ever, O LORD, thy word is settled in

heaven. ⁹⁰ Thy faithfulness is *unto all ^{Heb. to generation and generation.} generations: thou hast established the earth, and it *abideth. ⁹¹ They continue this day according ^{Heb. standeth.} to thine ordinances: for all *are* thy servants.

⁹² Unless thy law *had been* my delights, I should then have perished in mine affliction. ⁹³ I will never forget thy precepts: for with them thou hast quickened me. ⁹⁴ I *am* thine, save me; for I have sought thy precepts.

⁹⁵ The wicked have waited for me to destroy me: *but* I will consider thy testimonies. ⁹⁶ I have seen an end of all perfection: *but* thy commandment is exceeding broad.

MEM. ⁹⁷ O how love I thy law! it *is* my meditation all the day.

⁹⁸ Thou through thy commandments hast made me wiser than mine enemies: for *they *are* ever ^{Heb. it is ever with me.} with me. ⁹⁹ I have more understanding than all my teachers: for thy testimonies *are* my meditation. ¹⁰⁰ I understand more than the ancients, because I keep thy precepts.

¹⁰¹ I have refrained my feet from every evil way, that I might keep thy word. ¹⁰² I have not departed from thy judgments: for thou hast taught me.

¹⁰³ How sweet are thy words unto my *taste! ^{Heb. palate.} yea, *sweeter* than honey to my mouth! ¹⁰⁴ Through thy precepts I get understanding: therefore I hate every false way.

NUN. ¹⁰⁵ Thy word *is* a *lamp unto my feet, ^{Or, candle.} and a light unto my path. ¹⁰⁶ I have sworn, and I will perform *it*, that I will keep thy righteous judgments.

¹⁰⁷ I am afflicted very much: quicken me, O LORD, according unto thy word. ¹⁰⁸ Accept, I beseech thee, the freewill offerings of my mouth, O LORD, and teach me thy judgments.

¹⁰⁹ My soul *is* continually in my hand: yet do I not forget thy law. ¹¹⁰ The wicked have laid a snare for me: yet I erred not from thy precepts. ¹¹¹ Thy testimonies have I taken as an heritage for ever: for they *are* the rejoicing of my heart.

¹¹² I have inclined mine heart *to perform Heb. to do. thy statutes *always, even unto the end.*

SAMECH. ¹¹³ I hate *vain* thoughts: but thy law do I love.

¹¹⁴ Thou *art* my hiding place and my shield: I hope in thy word. ¹¹⁵ Depart from me, ye evildoers: for I will keep the commandments of my God.

¹¹⁶ Uphold me according unto thy word, that I may live: and let me not be ashamed of my hope. ¹¹⁷ Hold thou me up, and I shall be safe: and I will have respect unto thy statutes continually.

¹¹⁸ Thou hast trodden down all them that err from thy statutes: for their deceit *is* falsehood. ¹¹⁹ Thou *puttest away all the wicked of the earth *like* Heb. causeth to cease. dross: therefore I love thy testimonies.

¹²⁰ My flesh trembleth for fear of thee; and I am afraid of thy judgments.

AIN. ¹²¹ I have done judgment and justice: leave me not to mine oppressors. ¹²² Be surety for thy servant for good: let not the proud oppress me.

¹²³ Mine eyes fail for thy salvation, and for the word of thy righteousness. ¹²⁴ Deal with thy servant according unto thy mercy, and teach me thy statutes. ¹²⁵ I *am* thy servant; give me understanding, that I may know thy testimonies.

¹²⁶ *It is* time for *thee*, LORD, to work: *for* they have made void thy law. ¹²⁷ Therefore I love thy commandments above gold; yea, above fine gold. ¹²⁸ Therefore I esteem all *thy* precepts *concerning* all *things* to be right; *and* I hate every false way.

PE. ¹²⁹ Thy testimonies *are* wonderful: therefore doth my soul keep them. ¹³⁰ The entrance of thy words giveth light; it giveth understanding unto the simple. ¹³¹ I opened my mouth, and panted: for I longed for thy commandments.

¹³² Look thou upon me, and be merciful unto me, *as thou usest to do unto those that love Heb. according to the custom towards those, &c. thy name. ¹³³ Order my steps in thy word: and let not any iniquity have dominion over me. ¹³⁴ Deliver me from the oppression of man: so will I keep thy precepts. ¹³⁵ Make thy face to shine upon thy servant; and teach me thy statutes.

¹³⁶ Rivers of waters run down mine eyes, because they keep not thy law.

TZADDI. ¹³⁷ Righteous *art* thou, O LORD, and upright *are* thy judgments. ¹³⁸ Thy testimonies *that* thou hast commanded *are* *righteous and very Heb. righteousness. *faithful. Heb. faithfulness.

¹³⁹ My zeal hath *consumed me, because mine Heb. cut me off. enemies have forgotten thy words.

¹⁴⁰ Thy word *is* very *pure: therefore thy Heb. tried, or, refined. servant loveth it. ¹⁴¹ I *am* small and despised: *yet* do not I forget thy precepts.

¹⁴² Thy righteousness *is* an everlasting righteousness, and thy law *is* the truth. ¹⁴³ Trouble and anguish have *taken hold on me: *yet* thy commandments *are* Heb. found me. my delights. ¹⁴⁴ The righteousness of thy testimonies *is* everlasting: give me understanding, and I shall live.

KOPH. ¹⁴⁵ I cried with *my* whole heart, hear me, O LORD: I will keep thy statutes. ¹⁴⁶ I cried unto thee, save me, *and I shall keep thy testimonies. Or, that I may keep.

¹⁴⁷ I prevented the dawning of the morning, and cried: I hoped in thy word. ¹⁴⁸ Mine eyes prevent the *night* watches, that I might meditate in thy word.

¹⁴⁹ Hear my voice according unto thy lovingkindness:

O LORD, quicken me according to thy judgment.
¹⁵⁰ They draw nigh that follow after mischief: they are far from thy law. ¹⁵¹ Thou *art* near, O LORD; and all thy commandments *are* truth. ¹⁵² Concerning thy testimonies, I have known of old that thou hast founded them for ever.

RESH. ¹⁵³ Consider mine affliction, and deliver me: for I do not forget thy law. ¹⁵⁴ Plead my cause, and deliver me: quicken me according to thy word. ¹⁵⁵ Salvation *is* far from the wicked: for they seek not thy statutes.

¹⁵⁶ *Great *are* thy tender mercies, O LORD: Or, *Many*. quicken me according to thy judgments. ¹⁵⁷ Many *are* my persecutors and mine enemies; *yet* do I not decline from thy testimonies. ¹⁵⁸ I beheld the transgressors, and was grieved; because they kept not thy word.

¹⁵⁹ Consider how I love thy precepts: quicken me, O LORD, according to thy lovingkindness. ¹⁶⁰ *Thy word *is* true *from* the beginning: and ^{Heb. The beginning of thy word is true.} every one of thy righteous judgments *endureth* for ever.

SCHIN. ¹⁶¹ Princes have persecuted me without a cause: but my heart standeth in awe of thy word.

¹⁶² I rejoice at thy word, as one that findeth great spoil.

¹⁶³ I hate and abhor lying: *but* thy law do I love.

¹⁶⁴ Seven times a day do I praise thee because of thy righteous judgments. ¹⁶⁵ Great peace have they which love thy law: and *nothing shall offend ^{Heb. they shall have no stumblingblock.} them.

¹⁶⁶ LORD, I have hoped for thy salvation, and done thy commandments. ¹⁶⁷ My soul hath kept thy testimonies; and I love them exceedingly. ¹⁶⁸ I have kept thy precepts and thy testimonies: for all my ways *are* before thee.

TAU. ¹⁶⁹ Let my cry come near before thee, O

LORD: give me understanding according to thy word.
¹⁷⁰ Let my supplication come before thee: deliver me according to thy word.

¹⁷¹ My lips shall utter praise, when thou hast taught me thy statutes. ¹⁷² My tongue shall speak of thy word: for all thy commandments *are* righteousness.

¹⁷³ Let thine hand help me; for I have chosen thy precepts. ¹⁷⁴ I have longed for thy salvation, O LORD; and thy law *is* my delight. ¹⁷⁵ Let my soul live, and it shall praise thee; and let thy judgments help me.

¹⁷⁶ I have gone astray like a lost sheep; seek thy servant; for I do not forget thy commandments.

CXX. A Song of degrees.

IN my distress I cried unto the LORD, and he heard me.

² Deliver my soul, O LORD, from lying lips, *and* from a deceitful tongue. ³ *What shall be given unto thee? or what shall be ^{Or, What shall the deceitful tongue give unto thee? or, what shall it profit thee?} done unto thee, thou false tongue? ⁴ *Sharp arrows of the mighty, with coals of ^{Heb. added. Or, It is as the sharp arrows of the mighty man, with coals of juniper.} juniper.

⁵ Woe is me, that I sojourn in Mesech, *that* I dwell in the tents of Kedar! ⁶ My soul hath long dwelt with him that hateth peace. ⁷ I am ^{Or, a man of peace.} *for peace: but when I speak, they *are* for war.

CXXI. A Song of degrees.

*I WILL lift up mine eyes unto the hills, ^{Or, Shall I lift up mine eyes to the hills? whence should my help come?} from whence cometh my help. ² My help cometh from the LORD, which made heaven and earth.

³ He will not suffer thy foot to be moved: he that keepeth thee will not slumber. ⁴ Behold, he that

keepeth Israel shall neither slumber nor sleep. ⁵ The LORD *is* thy keeper; the LORD *is* thy shade upon thy right hand. ⁶ The sun shall not smite thee by day, nor the moon by night. ⁷ The LORD shall preserve thee from all evil: he shall preserve thy soul. ⁸ The LORD shall preserve thy going out and thy coming in from this time forth, and even for evermore.

CXXII. A Song of degrees of David.

I WAS glad when they said unto me, Let us go into the house of the LORD. ² Our feet shall stand within thy gates, O Jerusalem.

³ Jerusalem is builded as a city that is compact together: ⁴ whither the tribes go up, the tribes of the LORD, unto the testimony of Israel, to give thanks unto the name of the LORD. ⁵ For there ^{*}are set Heb. *do sit*. thrones of judgment, the thrones of the house of David.

⁶ Pray for the peace of Jerusalem: they shall prosper that love thee. ⁷ Peace be within thy walls, *and* prosperity within thy palaces. ⁸ For my brethren and companions' sakes, I will now say, Peace *be* within thee. ⁹ Because of the house of the LORD our God I will seek thy good.

CXXIII. A Song of degrees.

UNTO thee lift I up mine eyes, O thou that dwellest in the heavens.

² Behold, as the eyes of servants *look* unto the hand of their masters, *and* as the eyes of a maiden unto the hand of her mistress; so our eyes *wait* upon the LORD our God, until that he have mercy upon us.

³ Have mercy upon us, O LORD, have mercy upon us:

for we are exceedingly filled with contempt. ⁴Our soul is exceedingly filled with the scorning of those that are at ease, *and* with the contempt of the proud.

CXXIV. A Song of degrees of David.

IF *it had not been* the LORD who was on our side, now may Israel say; ²*if it had not been* the LORD who was on our side, when men rose up against us: ³then they had swallowed us up quick, when their wrath was kindled against us: ⁴then the waters had overwhelmed us, the stream had gone over our soul: ⁵then the proud waters had gone over our soul.

⁶Blessed *be* the LORD, who hath not given us *as* a prey to their teeth. ⁷Our soul is escaped as a bird out of the snare of the fowlers: the snare is broken, and we are escaped.

⁸Our help *is* in the name of the LORD, who made heaven and earth.

CXXV. A Song of degrees.

THEY that trust in the LORD *shall be* as mount Zion, *which* cannot be removed, *but* abideth for ever.

²*As* the mountains *are* round about Jerusalem, so the LORD *is* round about his people from henceforth even for ever. ³For the rod of ^{*}the wicked Heb. wickedness. shall not rest upon the lot of the righteous; lest the righteous put forth their hands unto iniquity.

⁴Do good, O LORD, unto *those that be* good, and to *them that are* upright in their hearts. ⁵As for such as turn aside unto their crooked ways, the LORD shall lead them forth with the workers of iniquity: *but* peace *shall be* upon Israel.

CXXVI. A Song of degrees.

WHEN the LORD *turned again the cap- ^{Heb. returned the returning of Zion.} tivity of Zion, we were like them that dream. ² Then was our mouth filled with laughter, and our tongue with singing: then said they among the heathen, The LORD *hath done great things for them. ^{Heb. hath magnified to do with them.} ³ The LORD hath done great things for us; *whereof* we are glad.

⁴ Turn again our captivity, O LORD, as the streams in the south.

⁵ They that sow in tears shall reap in *joy. ^{Or, singing.} ⁶ He that goeth forth and weepeth, bearing *pre- ^{Or, seed basket.} cious seed, shall doubtless come again with rejoicing, bringing his sheaves *with him*.

CXXVII. A Song of degrees *for Solomon. ^{Or, of Solomon.}

EXCEPT the LORD build the house, they labour in vain *that build it: except the LORD keep ^{Heb. that are builders of it in it.} the city, the watchman waketh *but* in vain ² *It is vain* for you to rise up early, to sit up late, to eat the bread of sorrows: *for* so he giveth his beloved sleep.

³ Lo, children *are* an heritage of the LORD: *and* the fruit of the womb *is his* reward. ⁴ As arrows *are* in the hand of a mighty man; so *are* children of the youth. ⁵ Happy *is* the man that *hath his ^{Heb. hath filled his quiver with them.} quiver full of them: they shall not be ashamed, but they *shall speak with the enemies in the ^{Or, shall subdue, or, destroy.} gate.

CXXVIII. A Song of degrees.

BLESSED *is* every one that feareth the LORD; that walketh in his ways.

² For thou shalt eat the labour of thine hands: happy *shalt* thou *be*, and *it shall be* well with thee.

³ Thy wife *shall be* as a fruitful vine by the sides of thine house: thy children like olive plants round about thy table.

⁴ Behold, that thus shall the man be blessed that feareth the LORD. ⁵ The LORD shall bless thee out of Zion: and thou shalt see the good of Jerusalem all the days of thy life. ⁶ Yea, thou shalt see thy children's children, *and* peace upon Israel.

CXXIX. A Song of degrees.

* MANY a time have they afflicted me from my Or, *Much*. youth, may Israel now say: ² many a time have they afflicted me from my youth: yet they have not prevailed against me. ³ The plowers plowed upon my back: they made long their furrows.

⁴ The LORD *is* righteous: he hath cut asunder the cords of the wicked.

⁵ Let them all be confounded and turned back that hate Zion. ⁶ Let them be as the grass *upon* the house-tops, which withereth afore it groweth up: ⁷ where-with the mower filleth not his hand; nor he that bindeth sheaves his bosom. ⁸ Neither do they which go by say, The blessing of the LORD *be* upon you: we bless you in the name of the LORD.

CXXX. A Song of degrees.

OUT of the depths have I cried unto thee, O LORD.

² Lord, hear my voice: let thine ears be attentive to the voice of my supplications. ³ If thou, LORD, shouldest mark iniquities, O Lord, who shall stand?

⁴ But *there is* forgiveness with thee, that thou mayest be feared.

⁵ I wait for the LORD, my soul doth wait, and in his word do I hope. ⁶ My soul *waiteth* for the Lord more than they that watch for the morning : * *I* ^{Or, which watch unto the morning.} *say, more than* they that watch for the morning. ⁷ Let Israel hope in the LORD : for with the LORD *there is* mercy, and with him *is* plenteous redemption. ⁸ And he shall redeem Israel from all his iniquities.

CXXXI. A Song of degrees of David.

LORD, my heart is not haughty, nor mine eyes lofty : neither do I * exercise myself in great matters, ^{Heb. walk.} or in things too * high for me. ² Surely I have ^{Heb. wonderful.} behaved and quieted * myself, as a child that is ^{Heb. my soul.} weaned of his mother : my soul *is* even as a weaned child.

³ Let Israel hope in the LORD * from hence- ^{Heb. from now.} forth and for ever.

CXXXII. A Song of degrees.

LORD, remember David, *and* all his afflictions : ² how he sware unto the LORD, *and* vowed unto the mighty *God* of Jacob ; ³ Surely I will not come into the tabernacle of my house, nor go up into my bed ; ⁴ I will not give sleep to mine eyes, *or* slumber to mine eyelids, ⁵ until I find out a place for the LORD, * an habitation for the mighty *God* of Jacob. ^{Heb. habitations.}

⁶ Lo, we heard of it at Ephratah : we found it in the fields of the wood. ⁷ We will go into his tabernacles : we will worship at his footstool.

⁸ Arise, O LORD, into thy rest ; thou, and the ark of

thy strength. ⁹ Let thy priests be clothed with righteousness; and let thy saints shout for joy.

¹⁰ For thy servant David's sake turn not away the face of thine anointed. ¹¹ The LORD hath sworn *in* truth unto David; he will not turn from it; Of the fruit of ^{*}thy body will I set upon thy throne. ^{Heb. thy belly.}

¹² If thy children will keep my covenant and my testimony that I shall teach them, their children shall also sit upon thy throne for evermore.

¹³ For the LORD hath chosen Zion; he hath desired *it* for his habitation. ¹⁴ This *is* my rest for ever: here will I dwell; for I have desired it. ¹⁵ I will ^{*}abundantly bless her provision: I will satisfy ^{Or, surely.} her poor with bread. ¹⁶ I will also clothe her priests with salvation: and her saints shall shout aloud for joy. ¹⁷ There will I make the horn of David to bud: I have ordained a ^{*}lamp for mine anointed. ¹⁸ His ^{Or, candle.} enemies will I clothe with shame: but upon himself shall his crown flourish.

CXXXIII. A Song of degrees of David.

BEHOLD, how good and how pleasant *it is* for brethren to dwell ^{*}together in unity! ² *It is* like the ^{Heb. even together.} precious ointment upon the head, that ran down upon the beard, *even* Aaron's beard: that went down to the skirts of his garments; ³ as the dew of Hermon, *and as the dew* that descended upon the mountains of Zion: for there the LORD commanded the blessing, *even* life for evermore.

CXXXIV. A Song of degrees.

BEHOLD, bless ye the LORD, all *ye* servants of the LORD, which by night stand in the house of the LORD. ² Lift up your hands ^{*}*in* the sanctuary, and bless ^{Or, in holiness.}

the LORD. ³ The LORD that made heaven and earth bless thee out of Zion.

CXXXV. PRAISE ye the LORD. Praise ye the name of the LORD; praise *him*, O ye servants of the LORD. ² Ye that stand in the house of the LORD, in the courts of the house of our God, ³ praise the LORD; for the LORD *is* good: sing praises unto his name; for *it is* pleasant.

⁴ For the LORD hath chosen Jacob unto himself, *and* Israel for his peculiar treasure.

⁵ For I know that the LORD *is* great, and *that* our Lord *is* above all gods. ⁶ Whatsoever the LORD pleased, *that* did he in heaven, and in earth, in the seas, and all deep places. ⁷ He causeth the vapours to ascend from the ends of the earth; he maketh lightnings for the rain; he bringeth the wind out of his treasures.

⁸ Who smote the firstborn of Egypt, * both ^{Heb. from man unto beast.} of man and beast. ⁹ *Who* sent tokens and wonders into the midst of thee, O Egypt, upon Pharaoh, and upon all his servants. ¹⁰ Who smote great nations, and slew mighty kings; ¹¹ Sihon king of the Amorites, and Og king of Bashan, and all the kingdoms of Canaan: ¹² and gave their land *for* an heritage, an heritage unto Israel his people.

¹³ Thy name, O LORD, *endureth* for ever: *and* thy memorial, O LORD, * throughout all gene- ^{Heb. to generation and generation.} rations. ¹⁴ For the LORD will judge his people, and he will repent himself concerning his servants.

¹⁵ The idols of the heathen *are* silver and gold, the work of men's hands. ¹⁶ They have mouths, but they speak not; eyes have they, but they see not; ¹⁷ they have ears, but they hear not; neither is there *any* breath in their mouths. ¹⁸ They that make them are like unto them; *so is* every one that trusteth in them.

¹⁹ Bless the LORD, O house of Israel: bless the LORD, O house of Aaron: ²⁰ bless the LORD, O house of Levi: ye that fear the LORD, bless the LORD. ²¹ Blessed be the LORD out of Zion, which dwelleth at Jerusalem. Praise ye the LORD.

CXXXVI. O GIVE thanks unto the LORD; for *he is* good: for his mercy *endureth* for ever. ² O give thanks unto the God of gods; for his mercy *endureth* for ever. ³ O give thanks to the Lord of lords: for his mercy *endureth* for ever.

⁴ To him who alone doeth great wonders: for his mercy *endureth* for ever. ⁵ To him that by wisdom made the heavens: for his mercy *endureth* for ever. ⁶ To him that stretched out the earth above the waters: for his mercy *endureth* for ever. ⁷ To him that made great lights: for his mercy *endureth* for ever: ⁸ the sun ^{*} to rule by day: for his mercy *endureth* Heb. for the rulings by day. for ever: ⁹ the moon and stars to rule by night: for his mercy *endureth* for ever.

¹⁰ To him that smote Egypt in their firstborn: for his mercy *endureth* for ever: ¹¹ and brought out Israel from among them: for his mercy *endureth* for ever: ¹² with a strong hand, and with a stretched out arm: for his mercy *endureth* for ever.

¹³ To him which divided the Red sea into parts: for his mercy *endureth* for ever: ¹⁴ and made Israel to pass through the midst of it: for his mercy *endureth* for ever: ¹⁵ but ^{*}overthrew Pharaoh Heb. *shaked off*. and his host in the Red sea: for his mercy *endureth* for ever.

¹⁶ To him which led his people through the wilderness: for his mercy *endureth* for ever. ¹⁷ To him which smote great kings: for his mercy *endureth* for ever: ¹⁸ and slew famous kings: for his mercy *endureth* for

ever: ¹⁹ Sihon king of the Amorites: for his mercy *endureth* for ever: ²⁰ and Og the king of Bashan: for his mercy *endureth* for ever: ²¹ and gave their land for an heritage: for his mercy *endureth* for ever: ²² *even* an heritage unto Israel his servant: for his mercy *endureth* for ever.

²³ Who remembered us in our low estate: for his mercy *endureth* for ever: ²⁴ and hath redeemed us from our enemies: for his mercy *endureth* for ever. ²⁵ Who giveth food to all flesh: for his mercy *endureth* for ever.

²⁶ O give thanks unto the God of heaven: for his mercy *endureth* for ever.

CXXXVII. By the rivers of Babylon, there we sat down, yea, we wept, when we remembered Zion. ² We hanged our harps upon the willows in the midst thereof. ³ For there they that carried us away captive required of us ^{*} a song; and they that ^{Heb. the words of a song.} ^{*} wasted us *required of us* mirth, saying, Sing ^{Heb. laid us on heaps.} *one* of the songs of Zion.

⁴ How shall we sing the LORD's song in a ^{*} strange land? ^{Heb. land of a stranger.}

⁵ If I forget thee, O Jerusalem, let my right hand forget *her cunning*. ⁶ If I do not remember thee, let my tongue cleave to the roof of my mouth; if I prefer not Jerusalem above ^{*} my chief joy. ^{Heb. the head of my joy.}

⁷ Remember, O LORD, the children of Edom in the day of Jerusalem; who said, ^{*} Rase it, rase it, ^{Heb. Make bare.} *even* to the foundation thereof. ⁸ O daughter of Babylon, who art to be ^{*} destroyed; happy *shall he* ^{Heb. wasted.} *be*, ^{*} that rewardeth thee as thou hast served ^{Heb. that recompenseth unto thee thy deed which thou didst to us.} us. ⁹ Happy *shall he be*, that taketh and dasheth thy little ones against ^{*} the stones. ^{Heb. the rock.}

CXXXVIII. *A Psalm of David.*

I WILL praise thee with my whole heart: before the gods will I sing praise unto thee. ²I will worship toward thy holy temple, and praise thy name for thy lovingkindness and for thy truth: for thou hast magnified thy word above all thy name.

³In the day when I cried thou answeredst me, *and* strengthenedst me *with* strength in my soul.

⁴All the kings of the earth shall praise thee, O LORD, when they hear the words of thy mouth. ⁵Yea, they shall sing in the ways of the LORD: for great *is* the glory of the LORD.

⁶Though the LORD *be* high, yet hath he respect unto the lowly: but the proud he knoweth afar off. ⁷Though I walk in the midst of trouble, thou wilt revive me: thou shalt stretch forth thine hand against the wrath of mine enemies, and thy right hand shall save me.

⁸The LORD will perfect *that which* concerneth me: thy mercy, O LORD, *endureth* for ever: forsake not the works of thine own hands.

CXXXIX. To the chief Musician, A Psalm of David.

O LORD, thou hast searched me, and known *me*. ²Thou knowest my downsitting and mine uprising, thou understandest my thought afar off. ³Thou ^{*compasses} my path and my lying down, *Or, winnowest.* and art acquainted *with* all my ways. ⁴For *there is* not a word in my tongue, *but,* lo, O LORD, thou knowest it altogether.

⁵Thou hast beset me behind and before, and laid thine hand upon me.

⁶ *Such knowledge is too wonderful for me; it is high, I cannot attain unto it.*

⁷ Whither shall I go from thy Spirit? or whither shall I flee from thy presence? ⁸ If I ascend up into heaven, thou *art* there: if I make my bed in hell, behold, thou *art there*. ⁹ If I take the wings of the morning, *and* dwell in the uttermost parts of the sea; ¹⁰ even there shall thy hand lead me, and thy right hand shall hold me. ¹¹ If I say, Surely the darkness shall cover me; even the night shall be light about me. ¹² Yea, the darkness ^{*hideth} Heb. *darkeneth* not. not from thee; but the night shineth as the day: ^{*the darkness and the light are both} Heb. *as is the darkness, so is the light.* alike *to thee*.

¹³ For thou hast possessed my reins: thou hast covered me in my mother's womb.

¹⁴ I will praise thee; for I am fearfully *and* wonderfully made: marvellous *are* thy works; and *that* my soul knoweth ^{*right well}. ¹⁵ My ^{*sub-} Heb. *greatly*.
Or, *strength*, or, *body*. stance was not hid from thee, when I was made in secret, *and* curiously wrought in the lowest parts of the earth. ¹⁶ Thine eyes did see my substance, yet being unperfect; and in thy book ^{*all my mem-} Heb. *all*
of them. bers were written, ^{*which} Or, *what days they*
should be fashioned. in continuance were fashioned, when *as yet there was* none of them.

¹⁷ How precious also are thy thoughts unto me, O God! how great is the sum of them! ¹⁸ If I should count them, they are more in number than the sand: when I awake, I am still with thee.

¹⁹ Surely thou wilt slay the wicked, O God: depart from me, therefore, ye bloody men. ²⁰ For they speak against thee wickedly, *and* thine enemies take *thy name* in vain. ²¹ Do not I hate them, O LORD, that hate thee? and am not I grieved with those that rise

up against thee? ²² I hate them with perfect hatred: I count them mine enemies.

²³ Search me, O God, and know my heart: try me, and know my thoughts: ²⁴ and see if *there be any* *wicked way in me, and lead me in the way ^{Heb. way of pain, or, grief.} everlasting.

CXL. To the chief Musician, A Psalm of David.

DELIVER me, O LORD, from the evil man: preserve me from the *violent man; ² which imagine ^{Heb. man of violences.} mischiefs in *their* heart; continually are they gathered together *for* war. ³ They have sharpened their tongues like a serpent; adders' poison *is* under their lips. Selah.

⁴ Keep me, O LORD, from the hands of the wicked; preserve me from the violent man; who have purposed to overthrow my goings. ⁵ The proud have hid a snare for me, and cords; they have spread a net by the wayside; they have set gins for me. Selah.

⁶ I said unto the LORD, Thou *art* my God: hear the voice of my supplications, O LORD. ⁷ O GOD the Lord, the strength of my salvation, thou hast covered my head in the day of battle. ⁸ Grant not, O LORD, the desires of the wicked: further not his wicked device; *lest they exalt themselves. Selah. ^{Or, let them not be exalted.}

⁹ *As for* the head of those that compass me about, let the mischief of their own lips cover them. ¹⁰ Let burning coals fall upon them: let them be cast into the fire; into deep pits, that they rise not up again.

¹¹ Let not *an evil speaker be established in the earth: evil shall hunt the violent man to overthrow ^{Heb. a man of tongue. Or, an evil speaker, a wicked man of violence, be established in the earth: let him be hunted to his overthrow.} him.

¹² I know that the LORD will maintain the cause of

the afflicted, *and* the right of the poor. ¹³ Surely the righteous shall give thanks unto thy name: the upright shall dwell in thy presence.

CXLI. A Psalm of David.

LORD, I cry unto thee: make haste unto me; give ear unto my voice, when I cry unto thee. ² Let my prayer be *set forth before thee *as* incense; Heb. directed. *and* the lifting up of my hands *as* the evening sacrifice.

³ Set a watch, O LORD, before my mouth; keep the door of my lips. ⁴ Incline not my heart to *any* evil thing, to practise wicked works with men that work iniquity: and let me not eat of their dainties.

⁵ *Let the righteous smite me; Or, Let the righteous smite me kindly, and reprove me; let not their precious oil break my head, &c. *it shall be* a kindness: and let him reprove me; *it shall be* an excellent oil, *which* shall not break my head: for yet my prayer also *shall be* in their calamities. ⁶ When their judges are overthrown in stony places, they shall hear my words; for they are sweet.

⁷ Our bones are scattered at the grave's mouth, as when one cutteth and cleaveth *wood* upon the earth. ⁸ But mine eyes *are* unto thee, O God the Lord: in thee is my trust; *leave not my soul desti- Heb. make not my soul bare. tute. ⁹ Keep me from the snares *which* they have laid for me, and the gins of the workers of iniquity. ¹⁰ Let the wicked fall into their own nets, whilst that I withal *escape. Heb. pass over.

CXLII. *Maschil of David; A Prayer when he was in the cave. Or, A Psalm of David, giving instruction.

I CRIED unto the LORD with my voice; with my

voice unto the LORD did I make my supplication. ² I poured out my complaint before him; I shewed before him my trouble.

³ When my spirit was overwhelmed within me, then thou knewest my path. In the way wherein I walked have they privily laid a snare for me. ⁴ * I Or, *Look on the right hand, and see.* looked on *my* right hand, and beheld, but *there was* no man that would know me: refuge * failed me; Heb. *perished from me.* ⁵ * no man cared for my soul. Heb. *no man sought after my soul.*

⁵ I cried unto thee, O LORD: I said, Thou *art* my refuge *and* my portion in the land of the living. ⁶ Attend unto my cry; for I am brought very low: deliver me from my persecutors; for they are stronger than I. ⁷ Bring my soul out of prison, that I may praise thy name: the righteous shall compass me about; for thou shalt deal bountifully with me.

CXLIII. A Psalm of David.

HEAR my prayer, O LORD, give ear to my supplications: in thy faithfulness answer me, *and* in thy righteousness. ² And enter not into judgment with thy servant: for in thy sight shall no man living be justified.

³ For the enemy hath persecuted my soul; he hath smitten my life down to the ground; he hath made me to dwell in darkness, as those that have been long dead.

⁴ Therefore is my spirit overwhelmed within me; my heart within me is desolate. ⁵ I remember the days of old; I meditate on all thy works; I muse on the work of thy hands. ⁶ I stretch forth my hands unto thee: my soul *thirsteth* after thee, as a thirsty land. Selah.

⁷ Hear me speedily, O LORD : my spirit faileth : hide not thy face from me, *lest I be like ^{Or, for I am become like, &c.} unto them that go down into the pit. ⁸ Cause me to hear thy lovingkindness in the morning; for in thee do I trust : cause me to know the way wherein I should walk; for I lift up my soul unto thee. ⁹ Deliver me, O LORD, from mine enemies : I *flee ^{Heb. hide me with thee.} unto thee to hide me.

¹⁰ Teach me to do thy will; for thou *art* my God : thy Spirit *is* good; lead me into the land of uprightness. ¹¹ Quicken me, O LORD, for thy name's sake : for thy righteousness' sake bring my soul out of trouble. ¹² And of thy mercy cut off mine enemies, and destroy all them that afflict my soul : for I *am* thy servant.

CXLIV. *A Psalm of David.*

BLESSED *be* the LORD *my strength, which ^{Heb. my rock.} teacheth my hands *to war, *and* my fingers to ^{Heb. to the war, &c.} fight; ²*my goodness, and my fortress; my high ^{Or, my mercy.} tower, and my deliverer; my shield, and *he* in whom I trust; who subdueth my people under me.

³ LORD, what *is* man, that thou takest knowledge of him! *or* the son of man, that thou makest account of him! ⁴ Man is like to vanity : his days *are* as a shadow that passeth away.

⁵ Bow thy heavens, O LORD, and come down : touch the mountains, and they shall smoke. ⁶ Cast forth lightning, and scatter them : shoot out thine arrows, and destroy them. ⁷ Send thine *hand from above; ^{Heb. hands.} rid me, and deliver me out of great waters, from the hand of strange children; ⁸whose mouth speaketh vanity, and their right hand *is* a right hand of falsehood.

⁹ I will sing a new song unto thee, O God: upon a psaltery *and* an instrument of ten strings will I sing praises unto thee. ¹⁰ *It is he* that giveth *sal- Or, victory. vation unto kings: who delivereth David his servant from the hurtful sword.

¹¹ Rid me, and deliver me from the hand of strange children, whose mouth speaketh vanity, and their right hand *is* a right hand of falsehood: ¹² that our sons *may be* as plants grown up in their youth; *that* our daughters *may be* as corner stones, *polished Heb. cut. after the similitude of a palace: ¹³ *that* our garners *may be* full, affording *all manner of store: Heb. from kind to kind. *that* our sheep may bring forth thousands and ten thousands in our streets: ¹⁴ *that* our oxen *may be* *strong to labour; *that there be* no Heb. able to bear burdens, or, laden with flesh. breaking in, nor going out; *that there be* no complaining in our streets.

¹⁵ Happy *is that* people that is in such a case: *yea*, happy *is that* people, whose God *is* the LORD.

CXLV. David's *Psalms* of praise.

I WILL extol thee, my God, O King; and I will bless thy name for ever and ever. ² Every day will I bless thee; and I will praise thy name for ever and ever.

³ Great *is* the LORD, and greatly to be praised; *and his greatness *is* unsearchable. Heb. and of his greatness there is no search. ⁴ One generation shall praise thy works to another, and shall declare thy mighty acts.

⁵ I will speak of the glorious honour of thy majesty, and of thy wondrous *works. ⁶ And *men* shall Heb. things, or, words. speak of the might of thy terrible acts: and I will *declare thy greatness. ⁷ They shall abun- Heb. declare it.

dantly utter the memory of thy great goodness, and shall sing of thy righteousness.

⁸ The LORD *is* gracious, and full of compassion; slow to anger, and ^{*of} great mercy. ⁹ The LORD ^{Heb. great in mercy.} *is* good to all: and his tender mercies *are* over all his works.

¹⁰ All thy works shall praise thee, O LORD; and thy saints shall bless thee. ¹¹ They shall speak of the glory of thy kingdom, and talk of thy power; ¹² to make known to the sons of men his mighty acts, and the glorious majesty of his kingdom. ¹³ Thy kingdom *is* ^{Heb. a kingdom of all ages.} *an everlasting kingdom, and thy dominion endureth* throughout all generations.

¹⁴ The LORD upholdeth all that fall, and raiseth up all *those that be* bowed down. ¹⁵ The eyes of all ^{*wait} upon thee; and thou givest them their ^{Or, look unto thee.} meat in due season. ¹⁶ Thou openest thine hand, and satisfiest the desire of every living thing.

¹⁷ The LORD *is* righteous in all his ways, and ^{*holy} in all his works. ^{Or, merciful, or, bountiful.}

¹⁸ The LORD *is* nigh unto all them that call upon him, to all that call upon him in truth. ¹⁹ He will fulfil the desire of them that fear him: he also will hear their cry, and will save them. ²⁰ The LORD preserveth all them that love him: but all the wicked will he destroy.

²¹ My mouth shall speak the praise of the LORD: and let all flesh bless his holy name for ever and ever.

CXLVI. ^{*PRAISE} ye the LORD. Praise ^{Heb. Hallelujah.} the LORD, O my soul. ² While I live will I praise the LORD: I will sing praises unto my God while I have any being.

³ Put not your trust in princes, *nor* in the son of man, in whom *there is* no ^{*help}. ⁴ His breath ^{Or, salvation.}

goeth forth, he returneth to his earth; in that very day his thoughts perish.

⁵ Happy *is he* that *hath* the God of Jacob for his help, whose hope *is* in the LORD his God: ⁶ which made heaven, and earth, the sea, and all that therein *is*: which keepeth truth for ever: ⁷ which executeth judgment for the oppressed: which giveth food to the hungry.

The LORD looseth the prisoners: ⁸ the LORD openeth *the eyes of* the blind: the LORD raiseth them that are bowed down: the LORD loveth the righteous: ⁹ the LORD preserveth the strangers; he relieveth the fatherless and widow: but the way of the wicked he turneth upside down.

¹⁰ The LORD shall reign for ever, *even* thy God, O Zion, unto all generations. Praise ye the LORD.

CXLVII. PRAISE ye the LORD: for *it is* good to sing praises unto our God; for *it is* pleasant; *and* praise is comely.

² The LORD doth build up Jerusalem: he gathereth together the outcasts of Israel. ³ He healeth the broken in heart, and bindeth up their ^{*}wounds. ⁴ He ^{Heb. grieves.} telleth the number of the stars; he calleth them all by *their* names.

⁵ Great *is* our Lord, and of great power: ^{*}his understanding *is* infinite. ⁶ The LORD ^{Heb. of his understanding there is no number.} lifteth up the meek: he casteth the wicked down to the ground.

⁷ Sing unto the LORD with thanksgiving; sing praise upon the harp unto our God: ⁸ who covereth the heaven with clouds, who prepareth rain for the earth, who maketh grass to grow upon the mountains. ⁹ He giveth to the beast his food, *and* to the young ravens which cry.

¹⁰ He delighteth not in the strength of the horse: he taketh not pleasure in the legs of a man. ¹¹ The LORD taketh pleasure in them that fear him, in those that hope in his mercy.

¹² Praise the LORD, O Jerusalem; praise thy God, O Zion. ¹³ For he hath strengthened the bars of thy gates; he hath blessed thy children within thee.

¹⁴ *He maketh peace *in* thy borders, *and* Heb. Who maketh thy border peace. filleth thee with the *finest of the wheat. Heb. fat of wheat.

¹⁵ He sendeth forth his commandment *upon* earth: his word runneth very swiftly. ¹⁶ He giveth snow like wool: he scattereth the hoarfrost like ashes. ¹⁷ He casteth forth his ice like morsels: who can stand before his cold? ¹⁸ He sendeth out his word, and melteth them: he causeth his wind to blow, *and* the waters flow.

¹⁹ He sheweth *his word unto Jacob, his sta- Heb. his words. tutes and his judgments unto Israel. ²⁰ He hath not dealt so with any nation: and *as for his* judgments, they have not known them. Praise ye the LORD.

CXLVIII. *PRAISE ye the LORD. Praise Heb. Hallelujah. ye the LORD from the heavens: praise him in the heights. ² Praise ye him, all his angels: praise ye him, all his hosts. ³ Praise ye him, sun and moon: praise him, all ye stars of light. ⁴ Praise him, ye heavens of heavens, and ye waters that *be* above the heavens.

⁵ Let them praise the name of the LORD: for he commanded, and they were created. ⁶ He hath also stablished them for ever and ever: he hath made a decree which shall not pass.

⁷ Praise the LORD from the earth, ye dragons, and all deeps: ⁸ fire, and hail; snow, and vapours; stormy wind fulfilling his word: ⁹ mountains, and all hills;

fruitful trees, and all cedars: ¹⁰ beasts, and all cattle; creeping things, and *flying fowl: ¹¹ kings of ^{Heb. birds of wing.} the earth, and all people; princes, and all judges of the earth: ¹² both young men, and maidens; old men, and children: ¹³ let them praise the name of the LORD: for his name alone is *excellent; his glory *is* ^{Heb. exalted.} above the earth and heaven.

¹⁴ He also exalteth the horn of his people, the praise of all his saints; *even* of the children of Israel, a people near unto him. Praise ye the LORD.

CXLIX. *PRAISE ye the LORD. Sing unto ^{Heb. Hallelujah.} the LORD a new song, *and* his praise in the congregation of saints.

² Let Israel rejoice in him that made him: let the children of Zion be joyful in their King. ³ Let them praise his name *in the dance: let them sing ^{Or, with the pipe.} praises unto him with the timbrel and harp.

⁴ For the LORD taketh pleasure in his people: he will beautify the meek with salvation. ⁵ Let the saints be joyful in glory: let them sing aloud upon their beds.

⁶ *Let* the high *praises* of God *be* *in their ^{Heb. in their throat.} mouth, and a twoedged sword in their hand; ⁷ to execute vengeance upon the heathen, *and* punishments upon the people; ⁸ to bind their kings with chains, and their nobles with fetters of iron; ⁹ to execute upon them the judgment written: this honour have all his saints. Praise ye the LORD.

CL. *PRAISE ye the LORD. Praise God ^{Heb. Hallelujah.} in his sanctuary: praise him in the firmament of his power.

² Praise him for his mighty acts: praise him according to his excellent greatness.

³ Praise him with the sound of the *trumpet: Or, *cornet*.
praise him with the psaltery and harp. ⁴ Praise him
with the timbrel and *dance: praise him with Or, *pipe*.
stringed instruments and organs. ⁵ Praise him upon
the loud cymbals: praise him upon the high sounding
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⁶ Let every thing that hath breath praise the LORD.
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THE Proverbs of King Solomon have ever been highly valued for the practical wisdom they embody. They sound the very depths of the heart, and bring up to the light the hidden motives of human conduct. The secrets of every class are laid bare. The fool is convicted of his foolishness, the wise man is pointed to the Wisdom of God. The young man finds here a faithful Counsellor, and the hoary head is reminded that its true honour is to be found in the way of righteousness.

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P R O V E R B S.

I. THE proverbs of Solomon the son of David, king of Israel; ²to know wisdom and instruction; to perceive the words of understanding; ³to receive the instruction of wisdom, justice, and judgment, and ^{*}equity; ⁴to give subtilty to the simple, to ^{Heb. equities.} the young man knowledge and ^{*}discretion. ^{Or, advisement.}

⁵A wise *man* will hear, and will increase learning; and a man of understanding shall attain unto wise counsels: ⁶to understand a proverb, and ^{*}the ^{Or, an eloquent speech.} interpretation; the words of the wise, and their dark sayings.

⁷The fear of the LORD *is* ^{*}the beginning of ^{Or, the principal part.} knowledge: *but* fools despise wisdom and instruction.

⁸My son, hear the instruction of thy father, and forsake not the law of thy mother: ⁹for they *shall be* ^{*}an ornament of grace unto thy head, and chains ^{Heb. an adding.} about thy neck. ¹⁰My son, if sinners entice thee, consent thou not. ¹¹If they say, Come with us, let us lay wait for blood, let us lurk privily for the innocent without cause: ¹²let us swallow them up alive as the grave; and whole, as those that go down into the pit: ¹³we shall find all precious substance, we shall fill our houses with spoil: ¹⁴cast in thy lot among us;

let us all have one purse: ¹⁵My son, walk not thou in the way with them; refrain thy foot from their path: ¹⁶for their feet run to evil, and make haste to shed blood. ¹⁷Surely in vain the net is spread *in the sight of any bird. ¹⁸And they Heb. in the eyes of every thing that hath a wing. lay wait for their *own* blood; they lurk privily for their *own* lives. ¹⁹So *are* the ways of every one that is greedy of gain; *which* taketh away the life of the owners thereof.

²⁰* WISDOM crieth without; she uttereth Heb. Wisdoms, that is, excellent wisdom. her voice in the streets: ²¹she crieth in the chief place of concourse, in the openings of the gates: in the city she uttereth her words, *saying*, ²²How long, ye simple ones, will ye love simplicity? and the scorers delight in their scorning, and fools hate knowledge? ²³Turn you at my reproof: behold, I will pour out my spirit unto you, I will make known my words unto you. ²⁴Because I have called, and ye refused; I have stretched out my hand, and no man regarded; ²⁵but ye have set at nought all my counsel, and would none of my reproof: ²⁶I also will laugh at your calamity; I will mock when your fear cometh; ²⁷when your fear cometh as desolation, and your destruction cometh as a whirlwind; when distress and anguish cometh upon you. ²⁸Then shall they call upon me, but I will not answer; they shall seek me early, but they shall not find me: ²⁹for that they hated knowledge, and did not choose the fear of the LORD: ³⁰they would none of my counsel: they despised all my reproof. ³¹Therefore shall they eat of the fruit of their own way, and be filled with their own devices. ³²For the *turning away of the simple shall slay them, Or, ease of the simple. and the prosperity of fools shall destroy them. ³³But whoso hearkeneth unto me shall dwell safely, and shall be quiet from fear of evil.

II. My son, if thou wilt receive my words, and hide my commandments with thee; ²so that thou incline thine ear unto wisdom, *and* apply thine heart to understanding; ³yea, if thou criest after knowledge, *and* *liftest up thy voice for understanding; ⁴if ^{Heb. givest thy voice.} thou seekest her as silver, and searchest for her as *for* hid treasures; ⁵then shalt thou understand the fear of the LORD, and find the knowledge of God. ⁶For the LORD giveth wisdom: out of his mouth *cometh* knowledge and understanding. ⁷He layeth up sound wisdom for the righteous: *he is* a buckler to them that walk uprightly. ⁸He keepeth the paths of judgment, and preserveth the way of his saints. ⁹Then shalt thou understand righteousness, and judgment, and equity; *yea*, every good path. ¹⁰When wisdom entereth into thine heart, and knowledge is pleasant unto thy soul; ¹¹discretion shall preserve thee, understanding shall keep thee: ¹²to deliver thee from the way of the evil *man*, from the man that speaketh froward things; ¹³who leave the paths of uprightness, to walk in the ways of darkness; ¹⁴who rejoice to do evil, *and* delight in the frowardness of the wicked; ¹⁵whose ways *are* crooked, and *they* froward in their paths: ¹⁶to deliver thee from the strange woman, *even* from the stranger *which* flattereth with her words; ¹⁷which forsaketh the guide of her youth, and forgetteth the covenant of her God. ¹⁸For her house inclineth unto death, and her paths unto the dead. ¹⁹None that go unto her return again, neither take they hold of the paths of life. ²⁰That thou mayest walk in the way of good *men*, and keep the paths of the righteous. ²¹For the upright shall dwell in the land, and the perfect shall remain in it. ²²But the wicked shall be cut off from the earth, and the transgressors shall be *rooted out of it.

Or, *plucked up*.

III. My son, forget not my law; but let thine heart keep my commandments: ²for length of days, and *long life, and peace, shall they add to thee. ^{Heb. years of life.} ³Let not mercy and truth forsake thee: bind them about thy neck; write them upon the table of thine heart: ⁴so shalt thou find favour and *good ^{Or, good success.} understanding in the sight of God and man. ⁵Trust in the LORD with all thine heart; and lean not unto thine own understanding. ⁶In all thy ways acknowledge him, and he shall direct thy paths. ⁷Be not wise in thine own eyes: fear the LORD, and depart from evil. ⁸It shall be *health to thy navel, ^{Heb. medicine.} and *marrow to thy bones. ⁹Honour the ^{Heb. watering, moistening.} LORD with thy substance, and with the firstfruits of all thine increase: ¹⁰so shall thy barns be filled with plenty, and thy presses shall burst out with new wine. ¹¹My son, despise not the chastening of the LORD; neither be weary of his correction: ¹²for whom the LORD loveth he correcteth; even as a father the son *in whom* he delighteth.

¹³Happy *is* the man *that* findeth wisdom, and *the man *that* getteth understanding. ^{Heb. the man that draweth out understanding.} ¹⁴For the merchandise of it *is* better than the merchandise of silver, and the gain thereof than fine gold. ¹⁵She *is* more precious than rubies: and all the things thou canst desire are not to be compared unto her. ¹⁶Length of days *is* in her right hand; *and* in her left hand riches and honour. ¹⁷Her ways *are* ways of pleasantness, and all her paths *are* peace. ¹⁸She *is* a tree of life to them that lay hold upon her: and happy *is every one* that retaineth her. ¹⁹The LORD by wisdom hath founded the earth; by understanding hath he *established the heavens. ²⁰By his ^{Or, prepared.} knowledge the depths are broken up, and the clouds drop down the dew.

²¹ My son, let not them depart from thine eyes: keep sound wisdom and discretion: ²² so shall they be life unto thy soul, and grace to thy neck. ²³ Then shalt thou walk in thy way safely, and thy foot shall not stumble. ²⁴ When thou liest down, thou shalt not be afraid: yea, thou shalt lie down, and thy sleep shall be sweet. ²⁵ Be not afraid of sudden fear, neither of the desolation of the wicked, when it cometh. ²⁶ For the LORD shall be thy confidence, and shall keep thy foot from being taken.

²⁷ Withhold not good from * them to whom ^{Heb. the owners thereof.} it is due, when it is in the power of thine hand to do it. ²⁸ Say not unto thy neighbour, Go, and come again, and to morrow I will give; when thou hast it by thee. ²⁹ * Devise not evil against thy neighbour, see- ^{Or, Practise no evil.} ing he dwelleth securely by thee. ³⁰ Strive not with a man without cause, if he have done thee no harm.

³¹ Envy thou not * the oppressor, and choose ^{Heb. a man of violence.} none of his ways. ³² For the froward *is* abomination to the LORD: but his secret *is* with the righteous. ³³ The curse of the LORD *is* in the house of the wicked: but he blesseth the habitation of the just. ³⁴ Surely he scorneth the scorners: but he giveth grace unto the lowly. ³⁵ The wise shall inherit glory: but shame * shall be the promotion of fools. ^{Heb. exalteth the fools.}

IV. Hear, ye children, the instruction of a father, and attend to know understanding. ² For I give you good doctrine, forsake ye not my law. ³ For I was my father's son, tender and only *beloved* in the sight of my mother. ⁴ He taught me also, and said unto me, Let thine heart retain my words: keep my commandments, and live. ⁵ Get wisdom, get understanding: forget *it* not; neither decline from the

words of my mouth. ⁶Forsake her not, and she shall preserve thee: love her, and she shall keep thee.

⁷Wisdom *is* the principal thing; *therefore* get wisdom: and with all thy getting get understanding. ⁸Exalt her, and she shall promote thee: she shall bring thee to honour, when thou dost embrace her. ⁹She shall give to thine head an ornament of grace: * a crown of glory shall she deliver to thee.

* Or, she shall compass thee with a crown of glory.

¹⁰Hear, O my son, and receive my sayings; and the years of thy life shall be many. ¹¹I have taught thee in the way of wisdom; I have led thee in right paths.

¹²When thou goest, thy steps shall not be straitened; and when thou runnest, thou shalt not stumble.

¹³Take fast hold of instruction; let *her* not go: keep her; for she *is* thy life. ¹⁴Enter not into the path of the wicked, and go not in the way of evil *men*.

¹⁵Avoid it, pass not by it, turn from it, and pass away.

¹⁶For they sleep not, except they have done mischief; and their sleep is taken away, unless they cause *some* to fall. ¹⁷For they eat the bread of wickedness, and

drink the wine of violence. ¹⁸But the path of the just *is* as the shining light, that shineth more and more unto the perfect day. ¹⁹The way of the wicked *is* as darkness: they know not at what they stumble.

²⁰My son, attend to my words; incline thine ear unto my sayings. ²¹Let them not depart from thine eyes; keep them in the midst of thine heart.

²²For they *are* life unto those that find them, and *health to all their flesh. ²³Keep thy heart Heb. medicine.

*with all diligence; for out of it *are* the issues of life. ²⁴Put away from thee *a froward mouth, and perverse lips put far from thee.

Heb. above all keeping.

Heb. frowardness of mouth, and perverseness of lips.

²⁵Let thine eyes look right on, and let thine eyelids look straight before thee. ²⁶Ponder the path of thy feet, and *let all thy ways be established.

Or, all thy ways shall be ordered aright.

²⁷ Turn not to the right hand nor to the left: remove thy foot from evil.

V. My son, attend unto my wisdom, *and* bow thine ear to my understanding: ²that thou mayest regard discretion, and *that* thy lips may keep knowledge. ³For the lips of a strange woman drop *as* an honeycomb, and her *mouth *is* smoother than oil: Heb. palate. ⁴but her end is bitter as wormwood, sharp as a two-edged sword. ⁵Her feet go down to death; her steps take hold on hell. ⁶Lest thou shouldest ponder the path of life, her ways are moveable, *that* thou canst not know *them*.

⁷Hear me now therefore, O ye children, and depart not from the words of my mouth. ⁸Remove thy way far from her, and come not nigh the door of her house: ⁹lest thou give thine honour unto others, and thy years unto the cruel: ¹⁰lest strangers be filled with *thy wealth; and thy labours *be* in the Heb. thy strength. house of a stranger; ¹¹and thou mourn at the last, when thy flesh and thy body are consumed, ¹²and say, How have I hated instruction, and my heart despised reproof; ¹³and have not obeyed the voice of my teachers, nor inclined mine ear to them that instructed me! ¹⁴I was almost in all evil in the midst of the congregation and assembly.

¹⁵Drink waters out of thine own cistern, and running waters out of thine own well. ¹⁶Let thy fountains be dispersed abroad, *and* rivers of waters in the streets. ¹⁷Let them be only thine own, and not strangers' with thee. ¹⁸Let thy fountain be blessed: and rejoice with the wife of thy youth. ¹⁹*Let her be as* the loving hind and pleasant roe; let her breasts *satisfy Heb. water thee. thee at all times; and *be thou ravished Heb. err thou always in her love. always with her love. ²⁰And why wilt thou, my son,

be ravished with a strange woman, and embrace the bosom of a stranger? ²¹For the ways of man *are* before the eyes of the LORD, and he pondereth all his goings. ²²His own iniquities shall take the wicked himself, and he shall be holden with the cords of his *sins. ²³He shall die without instruction; and Heb. sin. in the greatness of his folly he shall go astray.

VI. My son, if thou be surety for thy friend, *if* thou hast stricken thy hand with a stranger, ²thou art snared with the words of thy mouth, thou art taken with the words of thy mouth. ³Do this now, my son, and deliver thyself, when thou art come into the hand of thy friend; go, humble thyself, *and Or, so shalt thou prevail with thy friend. make sure thy friend. ⁴Give not sleep to thine eyes, nor slumber to thine eyelids. ⁵Deliver thyself as a roe from the hand *of the hunter*, and as a bird from the hand of the fowler.

⁶Go to the ant, thou sluggard; consider her ways, and be wise: ⁷which having no guide, overseer, or ruler, ⁸provideth her meat in the summer, *and* gathereth her food in the harvest. ⁹How long wilt thou sleep, O sluggard? when wilt thou arise out of thy sleep? ¹⁰*Yet* a little sleep, a little slumber, a little folding of the hands to sleep: ¹¹so shall thy poverty come as one that travelleth, and thy want as an armed man.

¹²A naughty person, a wicked man, walketh with a froward mouth. ¹³He winketh with his eyes, he speaketh with his feet, he teacheth with his fingers; ¹⁴frowardness *is* in his heart, he deviseth mischief continually; he *soweth discord. ¹⁵Therefore Heb. casteth forth. shall his calamity come suddenly; suddenly shall he be broken without remedy.

¹⁶These six *things* doth the LORD hate: yea, seven *are* an abomination *unto him: ¹⁷*a proud Heb. of his soul. Heb. haughty eyes.

look, a lying tongue, and hands that shed innocent blood, ¹⁸an heart that deviseth wicked imaginations, feet that be swift in running to mischief, ¹⁹a false witness *that* speaketh lies, and he that soweth discord among brethren.

²⁰My son, keep thy father's commandment, and forsake not the law of thy mother: ²¹bind them continually upon thine heart, *and* tie them about thy neck.

²²When thou goest, it shall lead thee; when thou sleepest, it shall keep thee; and *when* thou awakest, it shall talk with thee. ²³For the commandment *is* a

*lamp; and the law *is* light; and reproofs of Or, candle. instruction *are* the way of life: ²⁴to keep thee from the evil woman, from the flattery *of the Or, of the strange tongue.

tongue of a strange woman. ²⁵Lust not after her beauty in thine heart; neither let her take thee with her eyelids. ²⁶For by means of a whorish woman *a*

man is brought to a piece of bread: and *the Heb. the woman of a man, or, a man's wife. adulteress will hunt for the precious life.

²⁷Can a man take fire in his bosom, and his clothes not be burned? ²⁸Can one go upon hot coals, and his feet not be burned?

²⁹So he that goeth in to his neighbour's wife; whosoever toucheth her shall not be innocent. ³⁰*Men* do not despise a thief, if he steal to satisfy his soul when he is hungry; ³¹but *if* he be found, he shall restore sevenfold; he shall give all

the substance of his house. ³²*But* whoso committeth adultery with a woman lacketh *understanding: Heb. heart.

he *that* doeth it destroyeth his own soul. ³³A wound and dishonour shall he get; and his reproach shall not be wiped away. ³⁴For jealousy *is* the rage of a man: therefore he will not spare in the day of vengeance.

³⁵He will not *regard any ransom; nei- Heb. He will not accept the face of any ransom. ther will he rest content, though thou givest many gifts.

VII. My son, keep my words, and lay up my commandments with thee. ²Keep my commandments, and live; and my law as the apple of thine eye. ³Bind them upon thy fingers, write them upon the table of thine heart. ⁴Say unto wisdom, Thou *art* my sister; and call understanding *thy* kinswoman: ⁵that they may keep thee from the strange woman, from the stranger *which* flattereth with her words.

⁶For at the window of my house I looked through my casement, ⁷and beheld among the simple ones, I discerned among ^{*}the youths, a young man void ^{Heb. the sons.} of understanding, ⁸passing through the street near her corner; and he went the way to her house, ⁹in the twilight, ^{*}in the evening, in the black ^{Heb. in the evening of the day.} and dark night: ¹⁰and, behold, there met him a woman *with* the attire of an harlot, and subtil of heart. ¹¹(She *is* loud and stubborn; her feet abide not in her house: ¹²now *is she* without, now in the streets, and lieth in wait at every corner.) ¹³So she caught him, and kissed him, and ^{*}with an impudent ^{Heb. she strengthened her face, and said.} face said unto him, ¹⁴^{*}*I have peace offer-* ^{Heb. Peace offerings are upon me.} ings with me; this day have I payed my vows. ¹⁵Therefore came I forth to meet thee, diligently to seek thy face, and I have found thee. ¹⁶I have decked my bed with coverings of tapestry, with carved *works*, with fine linen of Egypt. ¹⁷I have perfumed my bed with myrrh, aloes, and cinnamon. ¹⁸Come, let us take our fill of love until the morning: let us solace ourselves with loves. ¹⁹For the goodman *is* not at home, he is gone a long journey: ²⁰he hath taken a bag of money ^{*}with him, and will come home ^{Heb. in his hand.} at ^{*}the day appointed. ^{Or, the new moon.}

²¹With her much fair speech she caused him to yield, with the flattering of her lips she forced him.

²²He goeth after her ^{*}straightway, as an ox ^{Heb. suddenly.}

goeth to the slaughter, or as a fool to the correction of the stocks; ²³till a dart strike through his liver; as a bird hasteth to the snare, and knoweth not that it *is* for his life.

²⁴Hearken unto me now therefore, O ye children, and attend to the words of my mouth. ²⁵Let not thine heart decline to her ways, go not astray in her paths. ²⁶For she hath cast down many wounded: yea, many strong *men* have been slain by her. ²⁷Her house *is* the way to hell, going down to the chambers of death.

VIII. DOTH not wisdom cry? and understanding put forth her voice? ²She standeth in the top of high places, by the way in the places of the paths. ³She crieth at the gates, at the entry of the city, at the coming in at the doors, ⁴Unto you, O men, I call; and my voice *is* to the sons of man. ⁵O ye simple, understand wisdom: and, ye fools, be ye of an understanding heart. ⁶Hear; for I will speak of excellent things; and the opening of my lips *shall be* right things. ⁷For my mouth shall speak truth; and wickedness *is* *an abomination to my lips. ⁸All the ^{Heb. the abomination of my lips.} words of my mouth *are* in righteousness; *there is* nothing *froward or perverse in them. ^{Heb. wreathed.} ⁹They *are* all plain to him that understandeth, and right to them that find knowledge. ¹⁰Receive my instruction, and not silver; and knowledge rather than choice gold. ¹¹For wisdom *is* better than rubies; and all the things that may be desired are not to be compared to it. ¹²I wisdom dwell with *pru- ^{Or, subtilty.} dence, and find out knowledge of witty inventions. ¹³The fear of the LORD *is* to hate evil: pride, and arrogancy, and the evil way, and the froward mouth, do I hate. ¹⁴Counsel *is* mine, and sound wisdom: I *am* understanding; I have strength. ¹⁵By me kings

reign, and princes decree justice. ¹⁶By me princes rule, and nobles, *even* all the judges of the earth. ¹⁷I love them that love me; and those that seek me early shall find me. ¹⁸Riches and honour *are* with me; *yea*, durable riches and righteousness. ¹⁹My fruit *is* better than gold, *yea*, than fine gold; and my revenue than choice silver. ²⁰I **lead* in the way of Or, *walk*. righteousness, in the midst of the paths of judgment: ²¹that I may cause those that love me to inherit substance; and I will fill their treasures.

²²The LORD possessed me in the beginning of his way, before his works of old. ²³I was set up from everlasting, from the beginning, or ever the earth was. ²⁴When *there were* no depths, I was brought forth; when *there were* no fountains abounding with water. ²⁵Before the mountains were settled, before the hills was I brought forth: ²⁶while as yet he had not made the earth, nor the **fields*, nor **the highest* Or, *open places*. part of the dust of the world. ²⁷When he prepared the heavens, I *was* there: when he set **a* Or, *a circle*. compass upon the face of the depth: ²⁸when he established the clouds above: when he strengthened the fountains of the deep: ²⁹when he gave to the sea his decree, that the waters should not pass his commandment: when he appointed the foundations of the earth: ³⁰then I was by him, *as* one brought up *with him*: and I was daily *his* delight, rejoicing always before him; ³¹rejoicing in the habitable part of his earth; and my delights *were* with the sons of men.

³²Now therefore hearken unto me, O ye children: for blessed *are they that* keep my ways. ³³Hear instruction, and be wise, and refuse it not. ³⁴Blessed *is* the man that heareth me, watching daily at my gates, waiting at the posts of my doors. ³⁵For whoso findeth me findeth life, and shall **obtain* favour of the Heb. *bring forth*.

LORD. ³⁶But he that sinneth against me wrongeth his own soul: all they that hate me love death.

IX. WISDOM hath builded her house, she hath hewn out her seven pillars: ²she hath killed ^{Heb. her killing.} *her beasts; she hath mingled her wine; she hath also furnished her table. ³She hath sent forth her maidens: she crieth upon the highest places of the city, ⁴Whoso *is* simple, let him turn in hither: *as for* him that wanteth understanding, she saith to him, ⁵Come, eat of my bread, and drink of the wine *which* I have mingled. ⁶Forsake the foolish, and live; and go in the way of understanding. ⁷He that reproveth a scorner getteth to himself shame: and he that rebuketh a wicked *man* getteth himself a blot. ⁸Reprove not a scorner, lest he hate thee: rebuke a wise man, and he will love thee. ⁹Give *instruction* to a wise *man*, and he will be yet wiser: teach a just *man*, and he will increase in learning. ¹⁰The fear of the LORD *is* the beginning of wisdom: and the knowledge of the holy *is* understanding. ¹¹For by me thy days shall be multiplied, and the years of thy life shall be increased. ¹²If thou be wise, thou shalt be wise for thyself: but *if* thou scornest, thou alone shalt bear *it*.

¹³A foolish woman *is* clamorous: *she is* simple, and knoweth nothing. ¹⁴For she sitteth at the door of her house, on a seat in the high places of the city, ¹⁵to call passengers who go right on their ways: ¹⁶Whoso *is* simple, let him turn in hither: and *as for* him that wanteth understanding, she saith to him, ¹⁷Stolen waters are sweet, and bread ^{Heb. of secret.} *eaten in secret *is* pleasant. ¹⁸But he knoweth not that the dead *are* there; *and that* her guests *are* in the depths of hell.

X. THE proverbs of Solomon.

A wise son maketh a glad father: but a foolish son *is* the heaviness of his mother.—²Treasures of wickedness profit nothing: but righteousness delivereth from death.—³The LORD will not suffer the soul of the righteous to famish: but he casteth away *the substance of the wicked.—⁴He be- Or, the wicked for their wickedness. cometh poor that dealeth *with* a slack hand: but the hand of the diligent maketh rich.—⁵He that gathereth in summer *is* a wise son: *but* he that sleepeth in harvest *is* a son that causeth shame.—⁶Blessings *are* upon the head of the just: but violence covereth the mouth of the wicked.—⁷The memory of the just *is* blessed: but the name of the wicked shall rot.—⁸The wise in heart will receive commandments: but *a Heb. a fool of lips. prating fool *shall fall.—⁹He that walketh up- Or, shall be beaten. rightly walketh surely: but he that perverteth his ways shall be known.—¹⁰He that winketh with the eye causeth sorrow: but a prating fool *shall Or, shall be beaten. fall.—¹¹The mouth of a righteous *man is* a well of life: but violence covereth the mouth of the wicked.—¹²Hatred stirreth up strifes: but love covereth all sins.—¹³In the lips of him that hath understanding wisdom is found: but a rod *is* for the back of him that *is* void of *understanding.—¹⁴Wise *men* Heb. heart. lay up knowledge: but the mouth of the foolish *is* near destruction.—¹⁵The rich man's wealth *is* his strong city: the destruction of the poor *is* their poverty.—¹⁶The labour of the righteous *tendeth* to life: the fruit of the wicked to sin.—¹⁷He *is in* the way of life that keepeth instruction: but he that refuseth reproof *erred.—¹⁸He that hideth hatred *with* Or, causeth to err. lying lips, and he that uttereth a slander, *is* a fool.—¹⁹In the multitude of words there wanteth not sin: but he that refraineth his lips *is* wise.—²⁰The tongue

of the just *is as* choice silver: the heart of the wicked *is* little worth.—²¹ The lips of the righteous feed many: but fools die for want *of wisdom.—²² The Heb. of heart. blessing of the LORD, it maketh rich, and he addeth no sorrow with it.—²³ *It is* as sport to a fool to do mischief: but a man of understanding hath wisdom.—²⁴ The fear of the wicked, it shall come upon him: but the desire of the righteous shall be granted.—²⁵ As the whirlwind passeth, so *is* the wicked no *more*: but the righteous *is* an everlasting foundation.—²⁶ As vinegar to the teeth, and as smoke to the eyes, so *is* the sluggard to them that send him.—²⁷ The fear of the LORD *prolongeth days: but the years of the wicked Heb. addeth. shall be shortened.—²⁸ The hope of the righteous *shall be* gladness: but the expectation of the wicked shall perish.—²⁹ The way of the LORD *is* strength to the upright: but destruction *shall be* to the workers of iniquity.—³⁰ The righteous shall never be removed: but the wicked shall not inhabit the earth.—³¹ The mouth of the just bringeth forth wisdom: but the froward tongue shall be cut out.—³² The lips of the righteous know what is acceptable: but the mouth of the wicked *speaketh* *frowardness. Heb. frowardnesses.

XI. A *false balance *is* abomination to the Heb. Balances of deceit. LORD: but *a just weight *is* his delight.—Heb. a perfect stone.
² *When* pride cometh, then cometh shame: but with the lowly *is* wisdom.—³ The integrity of the upright shall guide them: but the perverseness of transgressors shall destroy them.—⁴ Riches profit not in the day of wrath: but righteousness delivereth from death.—⁵ The righteousness of the perfect shall *direct his way: but the wicked shall fall by Heb. rectify. his own wickedness.—⁶ The righteousness of the upright shall deliver them: but transgressors shall be

taken in *their own* naughtiness.—⁷ When a wicked man dieth, *his* expectation shall perish: and the hope of unjust *men* perisheth.—⁸ The righteous is delivered out of trouble, and the wicked cometh in his stead.—⁹ An hypocrite with *his* mouth destroyeth his neighbour: but through knowledge shall the just be delivered.—¹⁰ When it goeth well with the righteous, the city rejoiceth: and when the wicked perish, *there is* shouting.—¹¹ By the blessing of the upright the city is exalted: but it is overthrown by the mouth of the wicked.—¹² He that is *void of wisdom ^{Heb. destitute of heart.} despiseth his neighbour: but a man of understanding holdeth his peace.—¹³ *A talebearer re- ^{Heb. He that walketh being a talebearer.} vealeth secrets: but he that is of a faithful spirit concealeth the matter.—¹⁴ Where no counsel *is*, the people fall: but in the multitude of counsellors *there is* safety.—¹⁵ He that is surety for a stranger *shall ^{Heb. shall be sore broken.} smart *for it*: and he that hateth *suretiship ^{Heb. those that strike hands.} is sure.—¹⁶ A gracious woman retaineth honour: and strong *men* retain riches.—¹⁷ The merciful man doeth good to his own soul: but *he that is* cruel troubleth his own flesh.—¹⁸ The wicked worketh a deceitful work: but to him that soweth righteousness *shall be* a sure reward.—¹⁹ As righteousness *tendeth* to life: so he that pursueth evil *pursueth it* to his own death.—²⁰ They that are of a froward heart *are* abomination to the LORD: but *such as are* upright in *their* way *are* his delight.—²¹ *Though* hand *join* in hand, the wicked shall not be unpunished: but the seed of the righteous shall be delivered.—²² As a jewel of gold in a swine's snout, *so is* a fair woman which *is without ^{Heb. departeth from.} discretion.—²³ The desire of the righteous *is* only good: *but* the expectation of the wicked *is* wrath.—²⁴ There is that scattereth, and yet increaseth; and *there is* that withholdeth more than is meet, but *it*

tendeth to poverty.—²⁵ *The liberal soul shall Heb. The soul of blessing. be made fat: and he that watereth shall be watered also himself.—²⁶ He that withholdeth corn, the people shall curse him: but blessing *shall be* upon the head of him that selleth *it*.—²⁷ He that diligently seeketh good procureth favour: but he that seeketh mischief, it shall come unto him.—²⁸ He that trusteth in his riches shall fall: but the righteous shall flourish as a branch.—²⁹ He that troubleth his own house shall inherit the wind: and the fool *shall be* servant to the wise of heart.—³⁰ The fruit of the righteous *is* a tree of life; and he that *winneth souls *is* wise.—Heb. taketh.
³¹ Behold, the righteous shall be recompensed in the earth: much more the wicked and the sinner.

XII. WHOSO loveth instruction loveth knowledge: but he that hateth reproof *is* brutish.—² A good *man* obtaineth favour of the LORD: but a man of wicked devices will he condemn.—³ A man shall not be established by wickedness: but the root of the righteous shall not be moved.—⁴ A virtuous woman *is* a crown to her husband: but she that maketh ashamed *is* as rottenness in his bones.—⁵ The thoughts of the righteous *are* right: *but* the counsels of the wicked *are* deceit.—⁶ The words of the wicked *are* to lie in wait for blood: but the mouth of the upright shall deliver them.—⁷ The wicked are overthrown, and *are* not: but the house of the righteous shall stand.—⁸ A man shall be commended according to his wisdom: but he that is *of a perverse heart shall be despised. Heb. perverse of heart.
—⁹ *He that is* despised, and hath a servant, *is* better than he that honoureth himself, and lacketh bread.—
¹⁰ A righteous *man* regardeth the life of his beast: but the *tender mercies of the wicked *are* cruel.—Or, bowels.
¹¹ He that tilleth his land shall be satisfied with bread:

but he that followeth vain *persons* is void of understanding.—¹² The wicked desireth *the net of ^{Or, the fortress.} evil *men*: but the root of the righteous yieldeth *fruit*.—¹³ *The wicked is snared by the transgression of *his* lips: but the just shall come out of trouble.—¹⁴ A man shall be satisfied with good by the fruit of *his* mouth: and the recompence of a man's hands shall be rendered unto him.—¹⁵ The way of a fool *is* right in his own eyes: but he that hearkeneth unto counsel *is* wise.—¹⁶ A fool's wrath is *presently known: but a prudent *man* covereth ^{Heb. in that day.} shame.—¹⁷ *He that* speaketh truth sheweth forth righteousness: but a false witness deceit.—¹⁸ There is that speaketh like the piercings of a sword: but the tongue of the wise *is* health.—¹⁹ The lip of truth shall be established for ever: but a lying tongue *is* but for a moment.—²⁰ Deceit *is* in the heart of them that imagine evil: but to the counsellors of peace *is* joy.—²¹ There shall no evil happen to the just: but the wicked shall be filled with mischief.—²² Lying lips *are* abomination to the LORD: but they that deal truly *are* his delight.—²³ A prudent man concealeth knowledge: but the heart of fools proclaimeth foolishness.—²⁴ The hand of the diligent shall bear rule: but the *slothful shall be under tribute.—²⁵ Heaviness ^{Or, deceitful.} in the heart of man maketh it stoop: but a good word maketh it glad.—²⁶ The righteous *is* more *excellent than his neighbour: but the way ^{Or, abundant.} of the wicked seduceth them.—²⁷ The slothful *man* roasteth not that which he took in hunting: but the substance of a diligent man *is* precious.—²⁸ In the way of righteousness *is* life; and *in* the pathway thereof there *is* no death.

XIII. A wise son *heareth* his father's instruction:

but a scorner heareth not rebuke.—²A man shall eat good by the fruit of *his* mouth: but the soul of the transgressors *shall eat* violence.—³He that keepeth his mouth keepeth his life: *but* he that openeth wide his lips shall have destruction.—⁴The soul of the sluggard desireth, and *hath* nothing: but the soul of the diligent shall be made fat.—⁵A righteous *man* hateth lying: but a wicked *man* is loathsome, and cometh to shame.—⁶Righteousness keepeth *him that is* upright in the way: but wickedness overthroweth *the Heb. sin. sinner.—⁷There is that maketh himself rich, yet *hath* nothing: *there is* that maketh himself poor, yet *hath* great riches.—⁸The ransom of a man's life *are* his riches: but the poor heareth not rebuke.—⁹The light of the righteous rejoiceth: but the *lamp of Or, candle. the wicked shall be put out.—¹⁰Only by pride cometh contention: but with the well advised *is* wisdom.—¹¹Wealth *gotten* by vanity shall be diminished: but he that gathereth *by labour shall increase.—Heb. with the hand.¹²Hope deferred maketh the heart sick: but *when* the desire cometh, *it is* a tree of life.—¹³Whoso despiseth the word shall be destroyed: but he that feareth the commandment *shall be rewarded.—¹⁴The law Or, shall be in peace. of the wise *is* a fountain of life, to depart from the snares of death.—¹⁵Good understanding giveth favour: but the way of transgressors *is* hard.—¹⁶Every prudent *man* dealeth with knowledge: but a fool *layeth open *his* folly.—¹⁷A wicked messen- Heb. spreadeth. ger falleth into mischief: but *a faithful Heb. an ambassador of faithfulness. ambassador *is* health.—¹⁸Poverty and shame *shall be* to him that refuseth instruction: but he that regardeth reproof shall be honoured.—¹⁹The desire accomplished is sweet to the soul: but *it is* abomination to fools to depart from evil.—²⁰He that walketh with wise *men* shall be wise: but a companion of fools *shall Heb. shall be broken.

be destroyed.—²¹ Evil pursueth sinners: but to the righteous good shall be repayed.—²² A good *man* leaveth an inheritance to his children's children: and the wealth of the sinner *is* laid up for the just.—²³ Much food *is in* the tillage of the poor: but there is *that is* destroyed for want of judgment.—²⁴ He that spareth his rod hateth his son: but he that loveth him chasteneth him betimes.—²⁵ The righteous eateth to the satisfying of his soul: but the belly of the wicked shall want.

XIV. Every wise woman buildeth her house: but the foolish plucketh it down with her hands.—² He that walketh in his uprightness feareth the LORD: but *he that is* perverse in his ways despiseth him.—³ In the mouth of the foolish *is* a rod of pride: but the lips of the wise shall preserve them.—⁴ Where no oxen *are*, the crib *is* clean: but much increase *is* by the strength of the ox.—⁵ A faithful witness will not lie: but a false witness will utter lies.—⁶ A scorner seeketh wisdom, and *findeth it* not: but knowledge *is* easy unto him that understandeth.—⁷ Go from the presence of a foolish man, when thou perceivest not *in him* the lips of knowledge.—⁸ The wisdom of the prudent *is* to understand his way: but the folly of fools *is* deceit.—⁹ Fools make a mock at sin: but among the righteous *there is* favour.—¹⁰ The heart knoweth *his ^{Heb. the bitterness of his soul.} own bitterness; and a stranger doth not intermeddle with his joy.—¹¹ The house of the wicked shall be overthrown: but the tabernacle of the upright shall flourish.—¹² There is a way which seemeth right unto a man, but the end thereof *are* the ways of death.—¹³ Even in laughter the heart is sorrowful; and the end of that mirth *is* heaviness.—¹⁴ The backslider in heart shall be filled with his own ways: and a good

man *shall be satisfied* from himself.—¹⁵The simple believeth every word: but the prudent *man* looketh well to his going.—¹⁶A wise *man* feareth, and departeth from evil: but the fool rageth, and is confident.—¹⁷*He that is* soon angry dealeth foolishly: and a man of wicked devices is hated.—¹⁸The simple inherit folly: but the prudent are crowned with knowledge.—¹⁹The evil bow before the good: and the wicked at the gates of the righteous.—²⁰The poor is hated even of his own neighbour: but *the rich *hath* Heb. many are the lovers of the rich. many friends.—²¹He that despiseth his neighbour sinneth: but he that hath mercy on the poor, happy is he.—²²Do they not err that devise evil? but mercy and truth *shall be* to them that devise good.—²³In all labour there is profit: but the talk of the lips *tendeth* only to penury.—²⁴The crown of the wise *is* their riches: *but* the foolishness of fools *is* folly.—²⁵A true witness delivereth souls: but a deceitful *witness* speaketh lies.—²⁶In the fear of the LORD *is* strong confidence: and his children shall have a place of refuge.—²⁷The fear of the LORD *is* a fountain of life, to depart from the snares of death.—²⁸In the multitude of people *is* the king's honour: but in the want of people *is* the destruction of the prince.—²⁹*He that is* slow to wrath *is* of great understanding: but *he that is* hasty of spirit exalteth folly.—³⁰A sound heart *is* the life of the flesh: but envy the rottenness of the bones.—³¹He that oppresseth the poor reproacheth his Maker: but he that honoureth him hath mercy on the poor.—³²The wicked is driven away in his wickedness: but the righteous hath hope in his death.—³³Wisdom resteth in the heart of him that hath understanding: but *that which is* in the midst of fools is made known.—³⁴Righteousness exalteth a nation: but sin *is* a reproach *to any people.—³⁵The king's favour Heb. to nations.

is toward a wise servant: but his wrath is *against* him that causeth shame.

XV. A soft answer turneth away wrath: but grievous words stir up anger.—²The tongue of the wise useth knowledge aright: but the mouth of fools *poureth out foolishness.—³The eyes of the <sup>Heb. *belcheth,*
or, *bubbleth.*</sup> LORD *are* in every place, beholding the evil and the good.—⁴* A wholesome tongue *is* a tree of <sup>Heb. *The healing*
of the tongue.</sup> life: but perverseness therein *is* a breach in the spirit.—⁵A fool despiseth his father's instruction: but he that regardeth reproof is prudent.—⁶In the house of the righteous *is* much treasure: but in the revenues of the wicked is trouble.—⁷The lips of the wise disperse knowledge: but the heart of the foolish *doeth* not so.—⁸The sacrifice of the wicked *is* an abomination to the LORD: but the prayer of the upright *is* his delight.—⁹The way of the wicked *is* an abomination unto the LORD: but he loveth him that followeth after righteousness.—¹⁰* Correction *is* grievous unto ^{Or, *Instruction.*} him that forsaketh the way: *and* he that hateth reproof shall die.—¹¹Hell and destruction *are* before the LORD: how much more then the hearts of the children of men?—¹²A scorner loveth not one that reproveth him: neither will he go unto the wise.—¹³A merry heart maketh a cheerful countenance: but by sorrow of the heart the spirit is broken.—¹⁴The heart of him that hath understanding seeketh knowledge: but the mouth of fools feedeth on foolishness.—¹⁵All the days of the afflicted *are* evil: but he that is of a merry heart *hath* a continual feast.—¹⁶Better *is* little with the fear of the LORD than great treasure and trouble therewith.—¹⁷Better *is* a dinner of herbs where love is, than a stalled ox and hatred therewith.—¹⁸A wrathful man stirreth up strife: but *he that is* slow to anger

appeaseth strife.—¹⁹The way of the slothful *man is* as an hedge of thorns: but the way of the righteous **is* made plain.—²⁰A wise son maketh a ^{Heb. is raised up as a causey.} glad father: but a foolish man despiseth his mother.—²¹Folly *is* joy to *him that is* **destitute* of wisdom: but a man of understanding walketh uprightly.—²²Without counsel purposes are disappointed: but in the multitude of counsellors they are established.—²³A man hath joy by the answer of his mouth: and a word *spoken* **in* due season, how good *is it!*—²⁴The way of life *is* above to the wise, that he may depart from hell beneath.—²⁵The LORD will destroy the house of the proud: but he will establish the border of the widow.—²⁶The thoughts of the wicked *are* an abomination to the LORD: but *the words* of the pure *are* **pleasant* words.—²⁷He that is ^{Heb. words of pleasantness.} greedy of gain troubleth his own house; but he that hateth gifts shall live.—²⁸The heart of the righteous studieth to answer: but the mouth of the wicked poureth out evil things.—²⁹The LORD *is* far from the wicked: but he heareth the prayer of the righteous.—³⁰The light of the eyes rejoiceth the heart: *and* a good report maketh the bones fat.—³¹The ear that heareth the reproof of life abideth among the wise.—³²He that refuseth **instruction* despiseth his ^{Or, correction.} own soul: but he that **heareth* reproof ^{Or, obeyeth.} **getteth* understanding.—³³The fear of the ^{Heb. possesseth an heart.} LORD *is* the instruction of wisdom; and before honour *is* humility.

XVI. The **preparations* of the heart in ^{Or, disposings.} man, and the answer of the tongue, *is* from the LORD.—²All the ways of a man *are* clean in his own eyes; but the LORD weigheth the spirits.—³**Commit* ^{Heb. Roll.} thy works unto the LORD, and thy thoughts shall be

established.—⁴The LORD hath made all *things* for himself: yea, even the wicked for the day of evil.—

⁵Every one *that is* proud in heart *is* an abomination to the LORD: *though* hand *join* in hand, he shall not be *unpunished.—⁶By mercy and truth iniquity ^{Heb. held innocent.}

is purged: and by the fear of the LORD *men* depart from evil.—⁷When a man's ways please the LORD, he maketh even his enemies to be at peace with him.—

⁸Better *is* a little with righteousness than great revenues without right.—⁹A man's heart deviseth his way: but the LORD directeth his steps.—¹⁰* A ^{Heb. Divination.}

divine sentence *is* in the lips of the king: his mouth transgresseth not in judgment.—¹¹A just weight and balance *are* the LORD's: *all the weights of ^{Heb. all the stones.}

the bag *are* his work.—¹²*It is* an abomination to kings to commit wickedness: for the throne is established by righteousness.—¹³Righteous lips *are* the delight

of kings; and they love him that speaketh right.—¹⁴The wrath of a king *is as* messengers of death: but a wise man will pacify it.—¹⁵In the light of the king's countenance *is* life; and his favour *is* as a cloud of the

latter rain.—¹⁶How much better *is it* to get wisdom than gold! and to get understanding rather to be chosen than silver!—¹⁷The highway of the upright *is*

to depart from evil: he that keepeth his way preserveth his soul.—¹⁸Pride *goeth* before destruction, and an haughty spirit before a fall.—¹⁹Better *it is to be*

of an humble spirit with the lowly, than to divide the spoil with the proud.—²⁰* He that ^{Or, He that understandeth a matter.}

handleth a matter wisely shall find good: and whoso trusteth in the LORD, happy *is* he.—²¹The wise in heart shall be called prudent: and the sweetness of

the lips increaseth learning.—²²Understanding *is* a wellspring of life unto him that hath it: but the instruction of fools *is* folly.—²³The heart of the wise

*teacheth his mouth, and addeth learning to ^{Heb. maketh wise.} his lips.—²⁴ Pleasant words *are as* an honeycomb, sweet to the soul, and health to the bones.—²⁵ There is a way that seemeth right unto a man, but the end thereof *are* the ways of death.—²⁶ *He ^{Heb. The soul of him that laboureth.} that laboureth laboureth for himself; for his mouth *craveth it of him.—²⁷ *An ungodly man ^{Heb. loveth unto him. Heb. A man of Belial.} diggeth up evil: and in his lips *there is* as a burning fire.—²⁸ A froward man *soweth strife: and a ^{Heb. sendeth forth.} whisperer separateth chief friends.—²⁹ A violent man enticeth his neighbour, and leadeth him into the way *that is* not good.—³⁰ He shutteth his eyes to devise froward things: moving his lips he bringeth evil to pass.—³¹ The hoary head *is* a crown of glory, *if* it be found in the way of righteousness.—³² *He that is* slow to anger *is* better than the mighty; and he that ruleth his spirit than he that taketh a city.—³³ The lot is cast into the lap; but the whole disposing thereof *is* of the LORD.

XVII. Better *is* a dry morsel, and quietness therewith, than an house full of *sacrifices *with* ^{Or, good cheer.} strife.—² A wise servant shall have rule over a son that causeth shame, and shall have part of the inheritance among the brethren.—³ The fining pot *is* for silver, and the furnace for gold: but the LORD trieth the hearts.—⁴ A wicked doer giveth heed to false lips; *and* a liar giveth ear to a naughty tongue.—⁵ Whoso mocketh the poor reproacheth his Maker: *and* he that is glad at calamities shall not be *unpunished. ^{Heb. held innocent.}—⁶ Children's children *are* the crown of old men; and the glory of children *are* their fathers.—⁷ *Ex- ^{Heb. A lip of excellency.} cellent speech becometh not a fool: much less do *lying lips a prince.—⁸ A gift *is as* *a ^{Heb. a lip of lying. Heb. a stone of grace.} precious stone in the eyes of him that hath it:

whithersoever it turneth, it prospereth.—⁹ He that covereth a transgression *seeketh love; but *Or, procureth.* he that repeateth a matter separateth *very* friends.—

¹⁰ * A reproof entereth more into a wise *Or, A reproof oweth more a wise man, than to strike a fool an hundred times.* man than an hundred stripes into a fool.

—¹¹ An evil *man* seeketh only rebellion: therefore a cruel messenger shall be sent against him.—¹² Let a bear robbed of her whelps meet a man, rather than a fool in his folly.—¹³ Whoso rewardeth evil for good, evil shall not depart from his house.—¹⁴ The beginning of strife *is as* when one letteth out water: therefore leave off contention, before it be meddled with.—

¹⁵ He that justifieth the wicked, and he that condemneth the just, even they both *are* abomination to the LORD.

—¹⁶ Wherefore *is there* a price in the hand of a fool to get wisdom, seeing *he hath* no heart *to it*?—¹⁷ A friend loveth at all times, and a brother is born for adversity.

—¹⁸ A man void of *understanding striketh *Heb. heart.* hands, *and* becometh surety in the presence of his friend.—¹⁹ He loveth transgression that loveth strife: *and* he that exalteth his gate seeketh destruction.—

²⁰ * He that hath a froward heart findeth no *Heb. the froward of heart.* good: and he that hath a perverse tongue falleth into mischief.—²¹ He that begetteth a fool *doeth it* to his sorrow: and the father of a fool hath no joy.—²² A

merry heart doeth good **like* a medicine: but *Or, to a medicine.* a broken spirit drieth the bones.—²³ A wicked *man* taketh a gift out of the bosom to pervert the ways of judgment.—²⁴ Wisdom *is* before him that hath understanding; but the eyes of a fool *are* in the ends of the earth.—²⁵ A foolish son *is* a grief to his father, and bitterness to her that bare him.—²⁶ Also to punish the just *is* not good, *nor* to strike princes for equity.—

²⁷ He that hath knowledge spareth his words: *and* a man of understanding is of *an excellent spirit. *Or, a cool spirit.*

—²⁸ Even a fool, when he holdeth his peace, is counted wise: *and* he that shutteth his lips *is esteemed* a man of understanding.

XVIII. * Through desire a man, Or, He that separateth himself, seeketh according to his desire, and intermeddleth in every business. having separated himself, seeketh *and* intermeddleth with all wisdom.—² A fool hath no delight in understanding, but that his heart may discover itself.—³ When the wicked cometh, *then* cometh also contempt, and with ignominy reproach.—⁴ The words of a man's mouth *are as* deep waters, *and* the wellspring of wisdom *as* a flowing brook.—⁵ *It is* not good to accept the person of the wicked, to overthrow the righteous in judgment.—⁶ A fool's lips enter into contention, and his mouth calleth for strokes.—⁷ A fool's mouth *is* his destruction, and his lips *are* the snare of his soul.—⁸ The words of a *tale- Or, whisperer. bearer *are* * as wounds, and they go down Or, like as when men are wounded. into the * innermost parts of the belly.—⁹ He Heb. chambers. also that is slothful in his work is brother to him that is a great waster.—¹⁰ The name of the LORD *is* a strong tower: the righteous runneth into it, and * is Heb. is set aloft. safe.—¹¹ The rich man's wealth *is* his strong city, and as an high wall in his own conceit.—¹² Before destruction the heart of man is haughty, and before honour *is* humility.—¹³ He that * answereth a matter Heb. returneth a word. before he heareth *it*, *it is* folly and shame unto him.—¹⁴ The spirit of a man will sustain his infirmity; but a wounded spirit who can bear?—¹⁵ The heart of the prudent getteth knowledge; and the ear of the wise seeketh knowledge.—¹⁶ A man's gift maketh room for him, and bringeth him before great men.—¹⁷ *He that is* first in his own cause *seemeth* just; but his neighbour cometh and searcheth him.—¹⁸ The lot causeth contentions to cease, and parteth between the mighty.—

¹² A brother offended *is harder to be won* than a strong city: and *their* contentions *are* like the bars of a castle.—²⁰ A man's belly shall be satisfied with the fruit of his mouth; *and* with the increase of his lips shall he be filled.—²¹ Death and life *are* in the power of the tongue: and they that love it shall eat the fruit thereof.—²² *Whoso* findeth a wife findeth a good *thing*, and obtaineth favour of the LORD.—²³ The poor useth intreaties; but the rich answereth roughly.—²⁴ A man *that hath* friends must shew himself friendly: and there is a friend *that* sticketh closer than a brother.

XIX. Better *is* the poor that walketh in his integrity, than *he that is* perverse in his lips, and is a fool.—² Also, *that* the soul *be* without knowledge, *it is* not good; and he that hasteth with *his* feet sinneth.—³ The foolishness of man perverteth his way: and his heart fretteth against the LORD.—⁴ Wealth maketh many friends; but the poor is separated from his neighbour.—⁵ A false witness shall not be *un-^{Heb. held innocent.} punished; and *he that* speaketh lies shall not escape.—⁶ Many will intreat the favour of the prince: and every man *is* a friend to *him that giveth gifts.^{Heb. a man of gifts.}—⁷ All the brethren of the poor do hate him: how much more do his friends go far from him? he pursueth *them with* words, *yet they are* wanting *to him*.—⁸ He that getteth *wisdom loveth his own soul:^{Heb. an heart.} he that keepeth understanding shall find good.—⁹ A false witness shall not be unpunished; and *he that* speaketh lies shall perish.—¹⁰ Delight is not seemly for a fool; much less for a servant to have rule over princes.—¹¹ The *discretion of a man deferreth^{Or, prudence.} his anger; and *it is* his glory to pass over a transgression.—¹² The king's wrath *is* as the roaring of a lion; but his favour *is* as dew upon the grass.—¹³ A

foolish son *is* the calamity of his father: and the contentions of a wife *are* a continual dropping.—¹⁴ House and riches *are* the inheritance of fathers: and a prudent wife *is* from the LORD.—¹⁵ Slothfulness casteth into a deep sleep; and an idle soul shall suffer hunger.—¹⁶ He that keepeth the commandment keepeth his own soul; *but* he that despiseth his ways shall die.—¹⁷ He that hath pity upon the poor lendeth unto the LORD; and *that which he hath given will Or, his deed. he pay him again.—¹⁸ Chasten thy son while there is hope, and let not thy soul spare *for Or, to his destruction: or, to cause him to die. his crying.—¹⁹ A man of great wrath shall suffer punishment: for if thou deliver *him*, yet thou must *do it again.—²⁰ Hear counsel, and receive in- Heb. add. struction, that thou mayest be wise in thy latter end.—²¹ *There are* many devices in a man's heart; nevertheless the counsel of the LORD, that shall stand.—²² The desire of a man *is* his kindness: and a poor man *is* better than a liar.—²³ The fear of the LORD *tendeth* to life: and *he that hath it* shall abide satisfied; he shall not be visited with evil.—²⁴ A slothful *man* hideth his hand in *his* bosom, and will not so much as bring it to his mouth again.—²⁵ Smite a scorner, and the simple *will beware: and reprove one that Heb. will be cunning. hath understanding, *and* he will understand knowledge.—²⁶ He that wasteth *his* father, *and* chaseth away *his* mother, *is* a son that causeth shame, and bringeth reproach.—²⁷ Cease, my son, to hear the instruction *that causeth* to err from the words of knowledge.—²⁸ * An ungodly witness scorneth Heb. A witness of Belial. judgment: and the mouth of the wicked devoureth iniquity.—²⁹ Judgments are prepared for scorers, and stripes for the back of fools.

XX. Wine *is* a mocker, strong drink *is* raging:

and whosoever is deceived thereby is not wise.—²The fear of a king *is* as the roaring of a lion: *whoso* provoketh him to anger sinneth *against* his own soul.—

³*It is* an honour for a man to cease from strife: but every fool will be meddling.—⁴The sluggard will not plough by reason of the *cold; *therefore* shall *Or, winter.*

he beg in harvest, and *have* nothing.—⁵Counsel in the heart of man *is like* deep water; but a man of understanding will draw it out.—⁶Most men will proclaim

every one his own *goodness: but a faithful *Or, bounty.* man who can find?—⁷The just *man* walketh in his integrity: his children *are* blessed after him.—⁸A

king that sitteth in the throne of judgment scattereth away all evil with his eyes.—⁹Who can say, I have made my heart clean, I am pure from my sin?—

¹⁰* Divers weights, *and* *divers measures, *Heb. a stone and a stone.* both of them *are* alike abomination to the *Heb. an ephah and an ephah.*

LORD.—¹¹Even a child is known by his doings, whether his work *be* pure, and whether *it be* right.—

¹²The hearing ear, and the seeing eye, the LORD hath made even both of them.—¹³Love not sleep, lest thou come to poverty; open thine eyes, *and* thou shalt be satisfied with bread.—¹⁴*It is* naught, *it is* naught, saith the buyer: but when he is gone his way, then he

boasteth.—¹⁵There is gold, and a multitude of rubies: but the lips of knowledge *are* a precious jewel.—

¹⁶Take his garment that is surety *for* a stranger: and take a pledge of him for a strange woman.—

¹⁷* Bread of deceit *is* sweet to a man; *Heb. Bread of lying, or, falsehood.* but afterwards his mouth shall be filled with gravel.

—¹⁸*Every* purpose is established by counsel: and with good advice make war.—¹⁹He that goeth about *as* a talebearer revealeth secrets: therefore meddle not with him that *flattereth with his lips.—²⁰Whoso *Or, enticeth.*

curseth his father or his mother, his *lamp *Or, candle.*

shall be put out in obscure darkness.—²¹ An inheritance *may be* gotten hastily at the beginning; but the end thereof shall not be blessed.—²² Say not thou, I will recompense evil; *but* wait on the LORD, and he shall save thee.—²³ Divers weights *are* an abomination unto the LORD; and *a false balance *is* not Heb. balances of deceit. good.—²⁴ Man's goings *are* of the LORD; how can a man then understand his own way?—²⁵ *It is* a snare to the man *who* devoureth *that which is* holy, and after vows to make enquiry.—²⁶ A wise king scattereth the wicked, and bringeth the wheel over them.—²⁷ The spirit of man *is* the *candle of the LORD, Or, lamp. searching all the inward parts of the belly.—²⁸ Mercy and truth preserve the king: and his throne is upholden by mercy.—²⁹ The glory of young men *is* their strength: and the beauty of old men *is* the grey head.—³⁰ The blueness of a wound *cleanseth Heb. is a purging medicine against evil. away evil: so *do* stripes the inward parts of the belly.

XXI. The king's heart *is* in the hand of the LORD, *as* the rivers of water: he turneth it whithersoever he will.—² Every way of a man *is* right in his own eyes: but the LORD pondereth the hearts.—³ To do justice and judgment *is* more acceptable to the LORD than sacrifice.—⁴ *An high look, and a proud heart, Heb. Haughtiness of eyes. and *the plowing of the wicked, *is* sin.—⁵ The Or, the light of the wicked. thoughts of the diligent *tend* only to plenteousness; but of every one *that is* hasty only to want.—⁶ The getting of treasures by a lying tongue *is* a vanity tossed to and fro of them that seek death.—⁷ The robbery of the wicked shall *destroy them; Heb. sow them, or dwell with them. because they refuse to do judgment.—⁸ The way of man *is* froward and strange: but *as for* the pure, his work *is* right.—⁹ *It is* better to dwell in a corner of the housetop, than with *a brawling woman Heb. a woman of contentions.

in * a wide house.—¹⁰ The soul of the wicked ^{Heb. an house of society.} desireth evil: his neighbour * findeth no favour ^{Heb. is not favoured.} in his eyes.—¹¹ When the scorner is punished, the simple is made wise: and when the wise is instructed, he receiveth knowledge.—¹² The righteous *man* wisely considereth the house of the wicked: *but God* overthroweth the wicked for *their* wickedness.—¹³ Whoso stoppeth his ears at the cry of the poor, he also shall cry himself, but shall not be heard.—¹⁴ A gift in secret pacifieth anger: and a reward in the bosom strong wrath.—¹⁵ *It is* joy to the just to do judgment: but destruction *shall be* to the workers of iniquity.—¹⁶ The man that wandereth out of the way of understanding shall remain in the congregation of the dead.—¹⁷ He that loveth * pleasure *shall be* a poor man: he ^{Or, sport.} that loveth wine and oil shall not be rich.—¹⁸ The wicked *shall be* a ransom for the righteous, and the transgressor for the upright.—¹⁹ *It is* better to dwell * in the wilderness, than with a contentious ^{Heb. in the land of the desert.} and an angry woman.—²⁰ *There is* treasure to be desired and oil in the dwelling of the wise; but a foolish man spendeth it up.—²¹ He that followeth after righteousness and mercy findeth life, righteousness, and honour.—²² A wise *man* scaleth the city of the mighty, and casteth down the strength of the confidence thereof.—²³ Whoso keepeth his mouth and his tongue keepeth his soul from troubles.—²⁴ Proud *and* haughty scorner *is* his name, who dealeth * in proud ^{Heb. in the wrath of his pride.} wrath.—²⁵ The desire of the slothful killeth him; for his hands refuse to labour.—²⁶ He coveteth greedily all the day long: but the righteous giveth and spareth not.—²⁷ The sacrifice of the wicked *is* abomination: how much more, *when* he bringeth it * with ^{Heb. in wickedness?} a wicked mind?—²⁸ * A false witness shall ^{Heb. A witness of lies.} perish: but the man that heareth speaketh constantly.

—²⁹ A wicked man hardeneth his face: but *as for* the upright, he *directeth his way.—³⁰ *There is* Or, *considereth*. no wisdom nor understanding nor counsel against the LORD.—³¹ The horse is prepared against the day of battle: but *safety is of the LORD. Or, *victory*.

XXII. A *good* name is rather to be chosen than great riches, and *loving favour rather Or, *favour is better than, &c.* than silver and gold.—² The rich and poor meet together: the LORD is the maker of them all.—³ A prudent *man* foreseeth the evil, and hideth himself: but the simple pass on, and are punished.—⁴ *By Or, *The reward of humility, &c.* humility and the fear of the LORD are riches, and honour, and life.—⁵ Thorns and snares are in the way of the froward: he that doth keep his soul shall be far from them.—⁶ *Train up a child *in Or, *Catechise.* Heb. *in his way.* the way he should go: and when he is old, he will not depart from it.—⁷ The rich ruleth over the poor, and the borrower is servant *to the Heb. *to the man that lendeth.* lender.—⁸ He that soweth iniquity shall reap vanity: *and the rod of his anger shall fail. Or, *and with the rod of his anger he shall be consumed.* —⁹ *He that hath a bountiful eye shall be Heb. *Good of eye.* blessed; for he giveth of his bread to the poor.—¹⁰ Cast out the scorner, and contention shall go out; yea, strife and reproach shall cease.—¹¹ He that loveth pureness of heart, *for the grace of his Or, *and hath grace in his lips.* lips the king shall be his friend.—¹² The eyes of the LORD preserve knowledge, and he overthroweth *the words of the transgressor.—¹³ The slothful Or, *the matters.* man saith, *There is* a lion without, I shall be slain in the streets.—¹⁴ The mouth of strange women is a deep pit: he that is abhorred of the LORD shall fall therein.—¹⁵ Foolishness is bound in the heart of a child; but the rod of correction shall drive it far from him.—¹⁶ He that oppresseth the poor to increase his riches,

and he that giveth to the rich, *shall* surely come to want.

¹⁷ Bow down thine ear, and hear the words of the wise, and apply thine heart unto my knowledge.

¹⁸ For *it is* a pleasant thing if thou keep them *within thee; they shall withal be fitted in ^{Heb. in thy belly.}

thy lips. ¹⁹ That thy trust may be in the LORD, I have made known to thee this day, *even to ^{Or, trust thou also.}

thee. ²⁰ Have not I written to thee excellent things in counsels and knowledge, ²¹ that I might make thee know the certainty of the words of truth; that thou mightest answer the words of truth *to ^{Or, to those that send thee.} them that send unto thee?

²² Rob not the poor, because he *is* poor: neither oppress the afflicted in the gate: ²³ for the LORD will plead their cause, and spoil the soul of those that spoiled them.—²⁴ Make no friendship with an angry man; and with a furious man thou shalt not go: ²⁵ lest thou learn his ways, and get a snare to thy soul.

—²⁶ Be not thou *one* of them that strike hands, *or* of them that are sureties for debts. ²⁷ If thou hast nothing to pay, why should he take away the bed from under thee?—²⁸ Remove not the ancient *landmark, *Or, bound.* which thy fathers have set.—²⁹ Seest thou a man diligent in his business? he shall stand before kings; he shall not stand before *mean ^{Heb. obscure men.} *men.*

XXIII. When thou sittest to eat with a ruler, consider diligently what *is* before thee: ² and put a knife to thy throat, if thou *be* a man given to appetite.

³ Be not desirous of his dainties: for they *are* deceitful meat.—⁴ Labour not to be rich: cease from thine own wisdom.

⁵ *Wilt thou set thine eyes ^{Heb. Wilt thou cause thine eyes to fly upon.} upon that which is not? for *riches* certainly make

themselves wings; they fly away as an eagle toward heaven.—⁶ Eat thou not the bread of *him that hath* an evil eye, neither desire thou his dainty meats: ⁷ for as he thinketh in his heart, so *is* he: Eat and drink, saith he to thee; but his heart *is* not with thee. ⁸ The morsel *which* thou hast eaten shalt thou vomit up, and lose thy sweet words.—⁹ Speak not in the ears of a fool: for he will despise the wisdom of thy words.—

¹⁰ Remove not the old *landmark; and enter Or, bound. not into the fields of the fatherless: ¹¹ for their redeemer *is* mighty; he shall plead their cause with thee.—¹² Apply thine heart unto instruction, and thine ears to the words of knowledge.—¹³ Withhold not correction from the child: for *if* thou beatest him with the rod, he shall not die. ¹⁴ Thou shalt beat him with the rod, and shalt deliver his soul from hell.

¹⁵ My son, if thine heart be wise, my heart shall rejoice, *even mine. ¹⁶ Yea, my reins shall Or, even I will rejoice. rejoice, when thy lips speak right things. ¹⁷ Let not thine heart envy sinners: but *be thou* in the fear of the LORD all the day long. ¹⁸ For surely there is an *end; and thine expectation shall not be cut Or, reward. off.—¹⁹ Hear thou, my son, and be wise, and guide thine heart in the way. ²⁰ Be not among winebibbers; among riotous eaters *of flesh: ²¹ for the Heb. of their flesh. drunkard and the glutton shall come to poverty: and drowsiness shall clothe *a man* with rags.—²² Harken unto thy father that begat thee, and despise not thy mother when she is old.—²³ Buy the truth, and sell *it* not; *also* wisdom, and instruction, and understanding.—²⁴ The father of the righteous shall greatly rejoice: and he that begetteth a wise *child* shall have joy of him. ²⁵ Thy father and thy mother shall be glad, and she that bare thee shall rejoice.—²⁶ My son, give me thine heart, and let thine eyes observe my ways.

²⁷ For a whore *is* a deep ditch; and a strange woman *is* a narrow pit. ²⁸ She also lieth in wait *as *for* Or, as a robber. a prey, and increaseth the transgressors among men.

²⁹ Who hath woe? who hath sorrow? who hath contentions? who hath babbling? who hath wounds without cause? who hath redness of eyes? ³⁰ They that tarry long at the wine; they that go to seek mixed wine. ³¹ Look not thou upon the wine when it is red, when it giveth his colour in the cup, *when* it moveth itself aright. ³² At the last it biteth like a serpent, and stingeth like *an adder. ³³ Thine Or, a cockatrice. eyes shall behold strange women, and thine heart shall utter perverse things. ³⁴ Yea, thou shalt be as he that lieth down *in the midst of the sea, Heb. in the heart of the sea. or as he that lieth upon the top of a mast. ³⁵ They have stricken me, *shalt thou say, and* I was not sick; they have beaten me, *and* *I felt it not: when Heb. I knew it not. shall I awake? I will seek it yet again.

XXIV. Be not thou envious against evil men, neither desire to be with them. ² For their heart studieth destruction, and their lips talk of mischief.—³ Through wisdom is an house builded; and by understanding it is established: ⁴ and by knowledge shall the chambers be filled with all precious and pleasant riches.—⁵ A wise man *is strong; yea, a man Heb. is in strength. of knowledge *increaseth strength. ⁶ For Heb. strengtheneth might. by wise counsel thou shalt make thy war: and in multitude of counsellors *there is* safety.—⁷ Wisdom is too high for a fool: he openeth not his mouth in the gate.—⁸ He that deviseth to do evil shall be called a mischievous person.—⁹ The thought of foolishness is sin: and the scorner *is* an abomination to men.—¹⁰ *If* thou faint in the day of adversity, thy strength is *small.—¹¹ If thou forbear to deliver *them* Heb. narrow.

that are drawn unto death, and *those that are* ready to be slain; ¹² if thou sayest, Behold, we knew it not; doth not he that pondereth the heart consider *it*? and he that keepeth thy soul, doth *not* he know *it*? and shall *not* he render to *every* man according to his works?—¹³ My son, eat thou honey, because *it is* good; and the honeycomb, *which is* sweet *to thy ^{Heb. upon thy palate.} taste: ¹⁴ so *shall* the knowledge of wisdom *be* unto thy soul: when thou hast found *it*, then there shall be a reward, and thy expectation shall not be cut off.—¹⁵ Lay not wait, O wicked *man*, against the dwelling of the righteous; spoil not his resting place: ¹⁶ for a just *man* falleth seven times, and riseth up again: but the wicked shall fall into mischief.—¹⁷ Rejoice not when thine enemy falleth, and let not thine heart be glad when he stumbleth: ¹⁸ lest the LORD see *it*, and *it displease him, and he turn away his ^{Heb. it be evil in his eyes.} wrath from him.—¹⁹ *Fret not thyself ^{Or, keep not company with the wicked.} because of evil *men*, neither be thou envious at the wicked; ²⁰ for there shall be no reward to the evil *man*; the *candle of the wicked shall be put ^{Or, lamp.} out.—²¹ My son, fear thou the LORD and the king: *and* meddle not with *them that are given ^{Heb. changers.} to change: ²² for their calamity shall rise suddenly; and who knoweth the ruin of them both?

²³ These *things* also *belong* to the wise.

It is not good to have respect of persons in judgment. ²⁴ He that saith unto the wicked, Thou *art* righteous; him shall the people curse, nations shall abhor him: ²⁵ but to them that rebuke *him* shall be delight, and *a good blessing shall come ^{Heb. a blessing of good.} upon them.—²⁶ *Every man* shall kiss *his* lips that *giveth a right answer.—²⁷ Prepare thy work ^{Heb. answereth right words.} without, and make it fit for thyself in the field;

and afterward build thine house.—²⁸ Be not a witness against thy neighbour without cause; and deceive *not* with thy lips.—²⁹ Say not, I will do so to him as he hath done to me: I will render to the man according to his work.—³⁰ I went by the field of the slothful, and by the vineyard of the man void of understanding; ³¹and, lo, it was all grown over with thorns, *and* nettles had covered the face thereof, and the stone wall thereof was broken down. ³²Then I saw, *and* *considered *it* well: I looked upon *it*, *and* Heb. set my heart. received instruction. ³³*Yet* a little sleep, a little slumber, a little folding of the hands to sleep: ³⁴so shall thy poverty come *as* one that travelleth; and thy want as *an armed man. Heb. a man of shield.

XXV. THESE *are* also proverbs of Solomon, which the men of Hezekiah king of Judah copied out.

²*It is* the glory of God to conceal a thing: but the honour of kings *is* to search out a matter.—³ The heaven for height, and the earth for depth, and the heart of kings **is* unsearchable.—⁴ Take Heb. there is no searching. away the dross from the silver, and there shall come forth a vessel for the finer. ⁵Take away the wicked *from* before the king, and his throne shall be established in righteousness.—⁶*Put not forth Heb. Set not out thy glory. thyself in the presence of the king, and stand not in the place of great *men*: ⁷for better *it is* that it be said unto thee, Come up hither; than that thou shouldest be put lower in the presence of the prince whom thine eyes have seen.—⁸Go not forth hastily to strive, lest *thou know not* what to do in the end thereof, when thy neighbour hath put thee to shame.—⁹Debate thy cause with thy neighbour *himself*; and *dis- Or, discover not the secret of another.cover not a secret to another: ¹⁰lest he that heareth *it* put thee to shame, and thine infamy turn not away.

—¹¹ A word *fitly spoken *is like* apples of ^{Heb. spoken upon his wheels.} gold in pictures of silver. ¹² As an earring of gold, and an ornament of fine gold, *so is* a wise reprov-
 er upon an obedient ear.—¹³ As the cold of snow in the time of harvest, *so is* a faithful messenger to them that send him: for he refresheth the soul of his mas-
 ters.—¹⁴ Whoso boasteth himself *of a false ^{Heb. in a gift of falsehood.} gift *is like* clouds and wind without rain.—¹⁵ By long forbearing is a prince persuaded, and a soft tongue breaketh the bone.—¹⁶ Hast thou found honey? eat so much as is sufficient for thee, lest thou be filled therewith and vomit it.—¹⁷ *Withdraw ^{Or, Let thy foot be seldom in thy neighbour's house.} thy foot from thy neighbour's house; lest he be
 *weary of thee, and *so* hate thee.—¹⁸ A man ^{Heb. full of thee.} that beareth false witness against his neighbour *is* a maul, and a sword, and a sharp arrow.—¹⁹ Confidence in an unfaithful man in time of trouble *is like* a broken tooth, and a foot out of joint.—²⁰ As he that taketh away a garment in cold weather, *and as* vinegar upon nitre, *so is* he that singeth songs to an heavy heart.—
²¹ If thine enemy be hungry, give him bread to eat; and if he be thirsty, give him water to drink: ²² for thou shalt heap coals of fire upon his head, and the LORD shall reward thee.—²³ *The ^{Or, The north wind bringeth forth rain: so doth a backbiting tongue an angry countenance.} north wind driveth away rain: *so doth* an angry countenance a backbiting tongue.—²⁴ *It* is better to dwell in the corner of a housetop, than with a brawling woman and in a wide house.—²⁵ As cold waters to a thirsty soul, *so is* good news from a far country.—²⁶ A righteous man falling down before the wicked *is as* a troubled fountain, and a corrupt spring.—²⁷ *It is* not good to eat much honey: *so for* men to search their own glory *is not* glory.—²⁸ He that *hath* no rule over his own spirit *is like* a city that is broken down, *and* without walls.

XXVI. As snow in summer, and as rain in harvest, so honour is not seemly for a fool.—² As the bird by wandering, as the swallow by flying, so the curse causeless shall not come.—³ A whip for the horse, a bridle for the ass, and a rod for the fool's back.—⁴ Answer not a fool according to his folly, lest thou also be like unto him. ⁵ Answer a fool according to his folly, lest he be wise in ^{Heb. his own eyes.} *his own conceit.—⁶ He that sendeth a message by the hand of a fool cutteth off the feet, *and* drinketh *damage. ^{Or, violence.}—⁷ The legs of the lame *are not equal: so *is* ^{Heb. are lifted up.} a parable in the mouth of fools.—⁸ *As ^{Or, As he that putteth a precious stone in an heap of stones.} he that bindeth a stone in a sling, so *is* he that giveth honour to a fool.—⁹ As a thorn goeth up into the hand of a drunkard, so *is* a parable in the mouth of fools.—¹⁰ *The great *God* that ^{Or, A great man grieveth all, and he hireth the fool, he hireth also transgressors.} formed all *things* both rewardeth the fool, and rewardeth transgressors.—¹¹ As a dog returneth to his vomit, so a fool *returneth to his ^{Heb. iterateth his folly.} folly.—¹² Seest thou a man wise in his own conceit? *there is* more hope of a fool than of him.—¹³ The slothful *man* saith, *There is* a lion in the way; a lion *is* in the streets. ¹⁴ As the door turneth upon his hinges, so *doth* the slothful upon his bed. ¹⁵ The slothful hideth his hand in *his* bosom; *it grieveth him ^{Or, he is weary.} to bring it again to his mouth. ¹⁶ The sluggard *is* wiser in his own conceit than seven men that can render a reason.—¹⁷ He that passeth by, *and* *meddleth with strife *belonging* not to him, ^{Or, is enraged.} *is like* one that taketh a dog by the ears.—¹⁸ As a mad *man* who casteth *firebrands, arrows and ^{Heb. flames, or, sparks.} death, ¹⁹ so *is* the man *that* deceiveth his neighbour, and saith, Am not I in sport?—²⁰ *Where no ^{Heb. Without wood.} wood *is*, *there* the fire goeth out: so where *there is* no *talebearer, the strife *ceaseth.—²¹ As coals ^{Or, whisperer. Heb. is silent.}

are to burning coals, and wood to fire; so *is* a contentious man to kindle strife.—²² The words of a tale-bearer *are* as wounds, and they go down into the *innermost parts of the belly.—²³ Burning lips ^{Heb. chambers.} and a wicked heart *are like* a potsherd covered with silver dross.—²⁴ He that hateth *dissembleth ^{Or, is known.} with his lips, and layeth up deceit within him; ^{Heb. maketh his voice gracious.} ²⁵ when he *speaketh fair, believe him not: for *there are* seven abominations in his heart. ²⁶ *Whose hatred is covered by deceit, his ^{Or, Hatred is covered in secret.} wickedness shall be shewed before the *whole* congregation.—²⁷ Whoso diggeth a pit shall fall therein: and he that rolleth a stone, it will return upon him.—²⁸ A lying tongue hateth *those that are* afflicted by it; and a flattering mouth worketh ruin.

XXVII. Boast not thyself of to *morrow; ^{Heb. to morrow day.} for thou knowest not what a day may bring forth.—² Let another man praise thee, and not thine own mouth; a stranger, and not thine own lips.—³ A stone *is* *heavy, and the sand weighty; but a fool's ^{Heb. heaviness.} wrath *is* heavier than them both.—⁴ *Wrath ^{Heb. Wrath is cruelty, and anger an overflowing.} *is* cruel, and anger *is* outrageous; but who *is* able to stand before *envy?—⁵ Open rebuke ^{Or, jealousy.} *is* better than secret love.—⁶ Faithful *are* the wounds of a friend; but the kisses of an enemy *are* *deceitful.—⁷ The full soul *loatheth an honey-comb; but to the hungry soul every bitter thing is sweet.—⁸ As a bird that wandereth from her nest, so *is* a man that wandereth from his place.—⁹ Ointment and perfume rejoice the heart: so *doth* the sweetness of a man's friend *by hearty counsel. ^{Heb. from the counsel of the soul.} ¹⁰ Thine own friend, and thy father's friend, forsake not; neither go into thy brother's house in the day of thy calamity: *for better is* a neighbour *that is* near

than a brother far off.—¹¹ My son, be wise, and make my heart glad, that I may answer him that reproacheth me.—¹² A prudent *man* foreseeth the evil, *and* hideth himself; *but* the simple pass on, *and* are punished.—¹³ Take his garment that is surety for a stranger, and take a pledge of him for a strange woman.—¹⁴ He that blesseth his friend with a loud voice, rising early in the morning, it shall be counted a curse to him.—¹⁵ A continual dropping in a very rainy day and a contentious woman are alike. ¹⁶ Whosoever hideth her hideth the wind, and the ointment of his right hand, *which* bewrayeth *itself*.—¹⁷ Iron sharpeneth iron; so a man sharpeneth the countenance of his friend.—¹⁸ Whoso keepeth the fig tree shall eat the fruit thereof: so he that waiteth on his master shall be honoured.—¹⁹ As in water face *answereth* to face, so the heart of man to man.—²⁰ Hell and destruction are *never Heb. not. full; so the eyes of man are never satisfied.—²¹ As the fining pot for silver, and the furnace for gold; so *is* a man to his praise.—²² Though thou shouldest bray a fool in a mortar among wheat with a pestle, *yet* will not his foolishness depart from him.—²³ Be thou diligent to know the state of thy flocks, *and* *look Heb. set thy heart. well to thy herds. ²⁴ For *riches *are* not for Heb. strength. ever: and doth the crown *endure* *to every Heb. to generation and generation. generation? ²⁵ The hay appeareth, and the tender grass sheweth itself, and herbs of the mountains are gathered. ²⁶ The lambs *are* for thy clothing, and the goats *are* the price of the field. ²⁷ And *thou shalt have* goats' milk enough for thy food, for the food of thy household, and *for* the *maintenance for thy Heb. life. maidens.

XXVIII. The wicked flee when no man pursueth: but the righteous are bold as a lion.—² For the trans-

gression of a land many *are* the princes thereof: but *by a man of understanding *and* knowledge the state *thereof* shall be prolonged.

Or, by men of understanding and wisdom shall they likewise be prolonged.

—³A poor man that oppresseth the poor *is like* a sweeping rain *which leaveth no food.—⁴They

Heb. without food.

that forsake the law praise the wicked: but such as keep the law contend with them.—⁵Evil men under-

stand not judgment: but they that seek the LORD understand all *things*.—⁶Better *is* the poor that

walketh in his uprightness, than *he that is* perverse in *his* ways, though he *be* rich.—⁷Whoso keepeth the

law *is* a wise son: but he that *is a companion

Heb. feedeth gluttons.

of riotous *men* shameth his father.—⁸He that by usury and *unjust gain increaseth his substance, he

Heb. by increase.

shall gather it for him that will pity the poor.—⁹He that turneth away his ear from hearing the law, even his prayer *shall be* abomination.—¹⁰Whoso causeth the

righteous to go astray in an evil way, he shall fall himself into his own pit: but the upright shall have

good *things* in possession.—¹¹The rich man *is* wise *in his own conceit: but the poor that hath

Heb. in his eyes.

understanding searcheth him out.—¹²When righteous *men* do rejoice, *there is* great glory: but when the

wicked rise, a man is *hidden.—¹³He that co-

Or, sought for.

vereth his sins shall not prosper: but whoso confesseth and forsaketh *them* shall have mercy.—¹⁴Happy *is* the

man that feareth alway: but he that hardeneth his heart shall fall into mischief.—¹⁵As a roaring lion, and a ranging bear; *so is* a wicked ruler over the poor

people.—¹⁶The prince that wanteth understanding *is* also a great oppressor: *but* he that hateth covetousness shall prolong *his* days.—¹⁷A man that doeth violence

to the blood of *any* person shall flee to the pit; let no man stay him.—¹⁸Whoso walketh uprightly shall be

saved: but *he that is* perverse in *his* ways shall fall at

once.—¹⁹ He that tilleth his land shall have plenty of bread: but he that followeth after vain *persons* shall have poverty enough.—²⁰ A faithful man shall abound with blessings: but he that maketh haste to be rich shall not be **innocent*.—²¹ To have respect of *Or, unpunished.* persons *is* not good; for for a piece of bread *that* man will transgress.—²² * He that hasteth to *Or, He that hath an evil eye hasteth to be rich.* be rich *hath* an evil eye, and considereth not that poverty shall come upon him.—²³ He that rebuketh a man afterwards shall find more favour than he that flattereth with the tongue.—²⁴ Whoso robbeth his father or his mother, and saith, *It is* no transgression; the same *is* the companion of **a* destroyer.—²⁵ He *Heb. a man destroying.* that is of a proud heart stirreth up strife: but he that putteth his trust in the LORD shall be made fat.—²⁶ He that trusteth in his own heart is a fool: but whoso walketh wisely, he shall be delivered.—²⁷ He that giveth unto the poor shall not lack: but he that hideth his eyes shall have many a curse.—²⁸ When the wicked rise, men hide themselves: but when they perish, the righteous increase.

XXIX. * He, that being often reproved *Heb. A man of reproofs.* hardeneth *his* neck, shall suddenly be destroyed, and that without remedy.—² When the righteous are **in* authority, the people rejoice: but when *Or, increased.* the wicked beareth rule, the people mourn.—³ Whoso loveth wisdom rejoiceth his father: but he that keepeth company with harlots spendeth *his* substance.—⁴ The king by judgment establisheth the land: but **he* that receiveth gifts overthroweth it.—⁵ A *Heb. A man of oblations.* man that flattereth his neighbour spreadeth a net for his feet.—⁶ In the transgression of an evil man *there is* a snare: but the righteous doth sing and rejoice.—⁷ The righteous considereth the cause of the poor: *but*

the wicked regardeth not to know *it*.—⁸ Scornful men
 *bring a city into a snare: but wise *men* turn <sup>Or, set a city
on fire.</sup>
 away wrath.—⁹ *If* a wise man contendeth with a foolish
 man, whether he rage or laugh, *there is* no rest.—
¹⁰ *The bloodthirsty hate the upright: but the <sup>Heb. Men
of blood.</sup>
 just seek his soul.—¹¹ A fool uttereth all his mind: but
 a wise *man* keepeth it in till afterwards.—¹² If a ruler
 hearken to lies, all his servants *are* wicked.—¹³ The
 poor and *the deceitful man meet together: the <sup>Or, the
usurer.</sup>
 LORD lighteneth both their eyes.—¹⁴ The king that
 faithfully judgeth the poor, his throne shall be esta-
 blished for ever.—¹⁵ The rod and reproof give wisdom:
 but a child left *to himself* bringeth his mother to
 shame.—¹⁶ When the wicked are multiplied, trans-
 gression increaseth: but the righteous shall see their
 fall.—¹⁷ Correct thy son, and he shall give thee rest:
 yea, he shall give delight unto thy soul.—¹⁸ Where
there is no vision, the people *perish: but he <sup>Or, is made
naked.</sup>
 that keepeth the law, happy *is* he.—¹⁹ A servant will
 not be corrected by words: for though he understand
 he will not answer.—²⁰ Seest thou a man *that is* hasty
 *in his words? *there is* more hope of a fool than <sup>Or, in his
matters.</sup>
 of him.—²¹ He that delicately bringeth up his servant
 from a child shall have him become *his* son at the
 length.—²² An angry man stirreth up strife; and a
 furious man aboundeth in transgression.—²³ A man's
 pride shall bring him low: but honour shall uphold
 the humble in spirit.—²⁴ Whoso is partner with a thief
 hateth his own soul: he heareth cursing and be-
 wrayeth *it* not.—²⁵ The fear of man bringeth a snare:
 but whoso putteth his trust in the LORD *shall <sup>Heb. shall be
set on high.</sup>
 be safe.—²⁶ Many seek *the ruler's favour; <sup>Heb. the face
of a ruler.</sup>
 but *every* man's judgment *cometh* from the LORD.—
²⁷ An unjust man *is* an abomination to the just: and *he*
that is upright in the way *is* abomination to the wicked.

XXX. THE words of Agur the son of Jakeh, *even* the prophecy: the man spake unto Ithiel, even unto Ithiel and Ucal,

² Surely I *am* more brutish than *any* man, and have not the understanding of a man. ³ I neither learned wisdom, nor ^{*}have the knowledge of the holy. Heb. know.

⁴ Who hath ascended up into heaven, or descended? who hath gathered the wind in his fists? who hath bound the waters in a garment? who hath established all the ends of the earth? what *is* his name, and what *is* his son's name, if thou canst tell?—⁵ Every word of God *is* ^{*}pure: he *is* a shield unto them that Heb. purified.

put their trust in him. ⁶ Add thou not unto his words, lest he reprove thee, and thou be found a liar.—⁷ Two *things* have I required of thee; ^{*}deny me Heb. withhold not from me.

them not before I die: ⁸ Remove far from me vanity and lies: give me neither poverty nor riches; feed me with food ^{*}convenient for me: ⁹lest I be Heb. of my allowance.

full, and ^{*}deny *thee*, and say, Who *is* the Heb. belie thee. LORD? or lest I be poor, and steal, and take the name of my God *in vain*.—¹⁰ ^{*}Accuse not a servant Heb. Hurt not with thy tongue.

unto his master, lest he curse thee, and thou be found guilty. ¹¹ *There is* a generation *that* curseth their father, and doth not bless their mother. ¹² *There is* a generation *that* are pure in their own eyes, and *yet* is not washed from their filthiness. ¹³ *There is* a generation, O how lofty are their eyes! and their eyelids are lifted up. ¹⁴ *There is* a generation, whose teeth *are*

as swords, and their jaw teeth *as* knives, to devour the poor from off the earth, and the needy from *among* men.—¹⁵ The horseleech hath two daughters, *crying*, Give, give. There are three *things that* are never satisfied, *yea*, four *things* say not, ^{*}*It is* Heb. Wealth. enough: ¹⁶ the grave; and the barren womb; the

earth *that* is not filled with water; and the fire *that* saith not, *It is* enough.

¹⁷The eye *that* mocketh at *his* father, and despiseth to obey *his* mother, the ravens of *the valley Or, the brook. shall pick it out, and the young eagles shall eat it.—

¹⁸There be three *things which* are too wonderful for me, yea, four which I know not: ¹⁹the way of an eagle in the air; the way of a serpent upon a rock; the way of a ship in the midst of the sea; and Heb. heart. the way of a man with a maid.—²⁰Such *is* the way of an adulterous woman; she eateth, and wipeth her mouth, and saith, I have done no wickedness.—²¹For three *things* the earth is disquieted, and for four *which* it cannot bear: ²²for a servant when he reigneth; and a fool when he is filled with meat; ²³for an odious *woman* when she is married; and an handmaid that is heir to her mistress.

²⁴There be four *things which* are little upon the earth, but they are *exceeding wise: ²⁵the Heb. wise, made wise. ants *are* a people not strong, yet they prepare their meat in the summer; ²⁶the conies *are but* a feeble folk, yet make they their houses in the rocks; ²⁷the locusts have no king, yet go they forth all of them *by bands; ²⁸the spider taketh hold with her Heb. gathered together. hands, and is in kings' palaces.—²⁹There be three *things* which go well, yea, four are comely in going: ³⁰a lion, *which is* strongest among beasts, and turneth not away for any; ³¹a *greyhound; an Or, horse. Heb. girt in the loins. he goat also; and a king, against whom *there is* no rising up.

³²If thou hast done foolishly in lifting up thyself, or if thou hast thought evil, *lay* thine hand upon thy mouth. ³³Surely the churning of milk bringeth forth butter, and the wringing of the nose bringeth forth blood: so the forcing of wrath bringeth forth strife.

XXXI. THE words of king Lemuel, the prophecy that his mother taught him.

²What, my son? and what, the son of my womb? and what, the son of my vows? ³Give not thy strength unto women, nor thy ways to that which destroyeth kings. —⁴*It is* not for kings, O Lemuel, *it is* not for kings to drink wine; nor for princes strong drink: ⁵lest they drink, and forget the law, and *pervert Heb. alter. the judgment of *any of the afflicted. Heb. of all the sons of affliction. ⁶Give strong drink unto him that is ready to perish, and wine unto those that be *of heavy hearts. Heb. bitter of soul. ⁷Let him drink, and forget his poverty, and remember his misery no more.—⁸Open thy mouth for the dumb in the cause of all *such as are appointed to Heb. the sons of destruction. ⁹Open thy mouth, judge righteously, and plead the cause of the poor and needy.

¹⁰Who can find a virtuous woman? for her price *is* far above rubies. ¹¹The heart of her husband doth safely trust in her, so that he shall have no need of spoil. ¹²She will do him good and not evil all the days of her life. ¹³She seeketh wool, and flax, and worketh willingly with her hands. ¹⁴She is like the merchants' ships; she bringeth her food from afar. ¹⁵She riseth also while it is yet night, and giveth meat to her household, and a portion to her maidens. ¹⁶She considereth a field, and *buyeth it: with Heb. taketh. the fruit of her hands she planteth a vineyard. ¹⁷She girdeth her loins with strength, and strengtheneth her arms. ¹⁸*She perceiveth that her merchan- Heb. She tasteth. dise *is* good: her candle goeth not out by night. ¹⁹She layeth her hands to the spindle, and her hands hold the distaff. ²⁰*She stretcheth out her Heb. She spreadeth. hand to the poor; yea, she reacheth forth her hands to the needy. ²¹She is not afraid of the snow for her

household : for all her household *are* clothed with
 *scarlet. ²² She maketh herself coverings of ^{Or, double garments.}
 tapestry; her clothing *is* silk and purple. ²³ Her hus-
 band is known in the gates, when he sitteth among
 the elders of the land. ²⁴ She maketh fine linen, and
 selleth *it*; and delivereth girdles unto the merchant.
²⁵ Strength and honour *are* her clothing; and she
 shall rejoice in time to come. ²⁶ She openeth her
 mouth with wisdom; and in her tongue *is* the law of
 kindness. ²⁷ She looketh well to the ways of her
 household, and eateth not the bread of idleness.
²⁸ Her children arise up, and call her blessed; her
 husband *also*, and he praiseth her. ²⁹ Many daughters
 *have done virtuously, but thou excellest ^{Or, have gotten riches.}
 them all. ³⁰ Favour *is* deceitful, and beauty *is* vain:
but a woman *that* feareth the LORD, she shall be
 praised. ³¹ Give her of the fruit of her hands; and
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THE
BOOK OF ECCLESIASTES.

THE Title, both in the Hebrew and in the Septuagint Version, signifies *the preacher*. This Book is generally ascribed to that period of Solomon's life when he was brought to deep repentance for the idolatries into which he had been seduced.

It is evidently an elaborate enquiry after the CHIEF Good.

Solomon first shows from his own experience the vanity of all that belongs to earth and earthly pursuits; of wisdom and knowledge (apart from true godliness), of mirth and pleasure, of riches, magnificence, power and wealth. He then gives many counsels how the vexation of each may be abated; constantly leading the attention as he proceeds to the true wisdom of God, which alone can satisfy the soul.

The royal teacher then refers to the beneficent works of God, and warns against resting in them as sources of happiness. Vanity is their

character also. If earthly things are placed in comparison with heavenly things, they are found to be vain. They are good in themselves to a certain extent when rightly used ; but he who seeks them as his portion in this life will secure only vexation and final disappointment.

ECCLESIASTES ;

OR, /

THE PREACHER.

I. THE words of the Preacher, the son of David, king in Jerusalem.

² Vanity of vanities, saith the Preacher, vanity of vanities; all *is* vanity. ³ What profit hath a man of all his labour which he taketh under the sun? ⁴ *One* generation passeth away, and *another* generation cometh: but the earth abideth for ever. ⁵ The sun also ariseth, and the sun goeth down, and *hasteth ^{Heb. panteth.} to his place where he arose. ⁶ The wind goeth toward the south, and turneth about unto the north; it whirl-eth about continually, and the wind returneth again according to his circuits. ⁷ All the rivers run into the sea; yet the sea *is* not full; unto the place from whence the rivers come, thither they *return ^{Heb. return to go.} again. ⁸ All things *are* full of labour; man cannot utter *it*: the eye is not satisfied with seeing, nor the ear filled with hearing. ⁹ The thing that hath been, *it is that* which shall be; and that which is done *is* that which shall be done: and *there is* no new *thing* under the sun. ¹⁰ Is there *any* thing whereof it may be said, See, this *is* new? it hath been already of old time, which was before us. ¹¹ *There is* no remembrance of former *things*; neither shall there be *any*

remembrance of *things* that are to come with *those* that shall come after.

¹² I the Preacher was king over Israel in Jerusalem.
¹³ And I gave my heart to seek and search out by wisdom concerning all *things* that are done under heaven: this sore travail hath God given to the sons of man *to be exercised therewith. ¹⁴ I have ^{Or, to afflict them.} seen all the works that are done under the sun; and, behold, all *is* vanity and vexation of spirit. ¹⁵ *That which is* crooked cannot be made straight: and *that which is wanting cannot be numbered. ^{Heb. defects.}
¹⁶ I communed with mine own heart, saying, Lo, I am come to great estate, and have gotten more wisdom than all *they* that have been before me in Jerusalem: yea, my heart *had great experience of wisdom ^{Heb. had seen much.} and knowledge. ¹⁷ And I gave my heart to know wisdom, and to know madness and folly: I perceived that this also is vexation of spirit. ¹⁸ For in much wisdom *is* much grief: and he that increaseth knowledge increaseth sorrow.

II. I said in mine heart, Go to now, I will prove thee with mirth, therefore enjoy pleasure: and, behold, this also *is* vanity. ² I said of laughter, *It is* mad: and of mirth, What doeth it? ³ I sought in mine heart *to give myself unto wine, yet acquainting ^{Heb. to draw my flesh with wine.} mine heart with wisdom; and to lay hold on folly, till I might see what *was* that good for the sons of men, which they should do under the heaven *all the days of their life. ⁴ I made me ^{Heb. the number of the days of their life.} great works; I builded me houses; I planted me vineyards: ⁵ I made me gardens and orchards, and I planted trees in them of all *kind of* fruits: ⁶ I made me pools of water, to water therewith the wood that bringeth forth trees: ⁷ I got *me* servants and maidens,

and had *servants born in my house; also I ^{Heb. sons of my house.} had great possessions of great and small cattle above all that were in Jerusalem before me: ⁸ I gathered me also silver and gold, and the peculiar treasure of kings and of the provinces: I gat me men singers and women singers, and the delights of the sons of men, *as* *musical instruments, and that ^{Heb. musical instrument and instruments.} of all sorts. ⁹ So I was great, and increased more than all that were before me in Jerusalem: also my wisdom remained with me. ¹⁰ And whatsoever mine eyes desired I kept not from them, I withheld not my heart from any joy; for my heart rejoiced in all my labour: and this was my portion of all my labour. ¹¹ Then I looked on all the works that my hands had wrought, and on the labour that I had laboured to do: and, behold, all *was* vanity and vexation of spirit, and *there was* no profit under the sun. ¹² And I turned myself to behold wisdom, and madness, and folly: for what *can* the man *do* that cometh after the king? **even* that which hath been already done. ^{Or, in those things which have been already done.} ¹³ Then I saw *that wisdom excelleth folly, ^{Heb. that there is an excellency in wisdom more than in folly.} as far as light excelleth darkness. ¹⁴ The wise man's eyes *are* in his head; but the fool walketh in darkness: and I myself also perceived that one event happeneth to them all. ¹⁵ Then said I in my heart, As it happeneth to the fool, so it *hap- ^{Heb. happeneth to me, even to me.} peneth even to me; and why was I then more wise? Then I said in my heart, that this also *is* vanity. ¹⁶ For *there is* no remembrance of the wise more than of the fool for ever: seeing that which now *is* in the days to come shall all be forgotten. And how dieth the wise *man*? as the fool. ¹⁷ Therefore I hated life; because the work that is wrought under the sun *is* grievous unto me: for all *is* vanity and vexation of spirit. ¹⁸ Yea, I hated all my labour which I had

*taken under the sun: because I should leave Heb. laboured. it unto the man that shall be after me. ¹⁹ And who knoweth whether he shall be a wise *man* or a fool? yet shall he have rule over all my labour wherein I have laboured, and wherein I have shewed myself wise under the sun. This *is* also vanity.

²⁰ Therefore I went about to cause my heart to despair of all the labour which I took under the sun.

²¹ For there is a man whose labour *is* in wisdom, and in knowledge, and in equity; yet to a man that hath not laboured therein shall he *leave it *for* his Heb. give. portion. This also *is* vanity and a great evil. ²² For

what hath man of all his labour, and of the vexation of his heart, wherein he hath laboured under the sun?

²³ For all his days *are* sorrows, and his travail grief; yea, his heart taketh not rest in the night. This is also vanity. ²⁴ *There is* nothing better for a man, *than*

that he should eat and drink, and *that* he should *make his soul enjoy good in his labour. This Or, delight his senses. also I saw, that it *was* from the hand of God. ²⁵ For

who can eat, or who else can hasten *hereunto*, more than I? ²⁶ For *God* giveth to a man that *is* good *in Heb. before him.

his sight wisdom, and knowledge, and joy: but to the sinner he giveth travail, to gather and to heap up, that he may give to *him that is* good before God. This also *is* vanity and vexation of spirit.

III. To every *thing there is* a season, and a time to every purpose under the heaven: ² a time *to be born, and a time to die; a time to plant, Heb. to bear. and a time to pluck up *that which is* planted; ³ a time to kill, and a time to heal; a time to break down, and a time to build up; ⁴ a time to weep, and a time to laugh; a time to mourn, and a time to dance; ⁵ a time to cast away stones, and a time to gather stones

together; a time to embrace, and a time *to Heb. to be far from. refrain from embracing: ⁶a time to *get, and a Or, seek. time to lose; a time to keep, and a time to cast away; ⁷a time to rend, and a time to sew; a time to keep silence, and a time to speak; ⁸a time to love, and a time to hate; a time of war, and a time of peace. ⁹What profit hath he that worketh in that wherein he laboureth? ¹⁰I have seen the travail, which God hath given to the sons of men to be exercised in it. ¹¹He hath made every *thing* beautiful in his time: also he hath set the world in their heart, so that no man can find out the work that God maketh from the beginning to the end. ¹²I know that *there is* no good in them, but for *a man* to rejoice, and to do good in his life. ¹³And also that every man should eat and drink, and enjoy the good of all his labour, *it is* the gift of God. ¹⁴I know that, whatsoever God doeth, it shall be for ever: nothing can be put to it, nor anything taken from it: and God doeth *it*, that *men* should fear before him. ¹⁵That which hath been is now; and that which is to be hath already been; and God requireth *that which is past.

Heb. that which is driven away.

¹⁶And moreover I saw under the sun the place of judgment, *that* wickedness *was* there; and the place of righteousness, *that* iniquity *was* there. ¹⁷I said in mine heart, God shall judge the righteous and the wicked: for *there is* a time there for every purpose and for every work.

¹⁸I said in mine heart concerning the estate of the sons of men, *that God might manifest Or, that they might clear God, and see, &c. them, and that they might see that they themselves are beasts. ¹⁹For that which befalleth the sons of men befalleth beasts; even one thing befalleth them: as the one dieth, so dieth the other; yea, they have all one breath; so that a man hath no preeminence

above a beast: for all *is* vanity. ²⁰All go unto one place; all are of the dust, and all turn to dust again. ²¹Who knoweth the spirit ^{Heb. of the} * of man that ^{souls of man.} goeth upward, and the spirit of the beast that ^{Heb. is as-} goeth downward to the earth? ^{cending.} ²²Wherefore I perceive that *there is* nothing better, than that a man should rejoice in his own works; for that *is* his portion: for who shall bring him to see what shall be after him?

IV. So I returned, and considered all the oppressions that are done under the sun: and behold the tears of *such as were* oppressed, and they had no comforter; and on the ^{Heb. hand.} * side of their oppressors *there was* power; but they had no comforter. ²Wherefore I praised the dead which are already dead more than the living which are yet alive. ³Yea, better *is he* than both they, which hath not yet been, who hath not seen the evil work that is done under the sun.—⁴Again, I considered all travail, and ^{Heb. all the right-} * every ^{ness of work.} right work, that ^{Heb. this is the envy of a} * for this a man is envied ^{man from his neighbour.} of his neighbour. This *is* also vanity and vexation of spirit.—⁵The fool foldeth his hands together, and eateth his own flesh. ⁶Better *is* an handful *with* quietness, than both the hands full *with* travail and vexation of spirit.—⁷Then I returned, and I saw vanity under the sun. ⁸There is one *alone*, and *there is* not a second; yea, he hath neither child nor brother: yet *is there* no end of all his labour; neither is his eye satisfied with riches; neither *saieth he*, For whom do I labour and bereave my soul of good? This *is* also vanity, yea, it *is* a sore travail. ⁹Two *are* better than one; because they have a good reward for their labour. ¹⁰For if they fall, the one will lift up his fellow: but woe to him *that is* alone when he falleth; for *he hath*

not another to help him up. ¹¹ Again, if two lie together, then they have heat: but how can one be warm *alone*? ¹² And if one prevail against him, two shall withstand him; and a threefold cord is not quickly broken.—¹³ Better *is* a poor and a wise child than an old and foolish king, * who will no Heb. who knoweth not to be admonished. more be admonished. ¹⁴ For out of prison he cometh to reign; whereas also *he that is* born in his kingdom becometh poor. ¹⁵ I considered all the living which walk under the sun, with the second child that shall stand up in his stead. ¹⁶ *There is* no end of all the people, *even* of all that have been before them: they also that come after shall not rejoice in him. Surely this also *is* vanity and vexation of spirit.

V. KEEP thy foot when thou goest to the house of God, and be more ready to hear, than to give the sacrifice of fools: for they consider not that they do evil.—² Be not rash with thy mouth, and let not thine heart be hasty to utter *any* * thing before God: or, *word*. for God *is* in heaven, and thou upon earth: therefore let thy words be few. ³ For a dream cometh through the multitude of business; and a fool's voice *is known* by multitude of words. ⁴ When thou vowest a vow unto God, defer not to pay it; for *he hath* no pleasure in fools: pay that which thou hast vowed. ⁵ Better *is it* that thou shouldest not vow, than that thou shouldest vow and not pay.—⁶ Suffer not thy mouth to cause thy flesh to sin; neither say thou before the angel, that it *was* an error: wherefore should God be angry at thy voice, and destroy the work of thine hands? ⁷ For in the multitude of dreams and many words *there are* also *divers* vanities: but fear thou God. ⁸ If thou seest the oppression of the poor, and violent perverting of judgment and justice in a pro-

vince, marvel not ^{*}at the matter: for *he* ^{Heb. at the will, or, purpose.} *that is* higher than the highest regardeth; and *there be* higher than they. ⁹Moreover the profit of the earth is for all: the king *himself* is served by the field. —¹⁰He that loveth silver shall not be satisfied with silver; nor he that loveth abundance with increase: this *is* also vanity. ¹¹When goods increase, they are increased that eat them: and what good *is there* to the owners thereof, saving the beholding *of them* with their eyes? ¹²The sleep of a labouring man *is* sweet, whether he eat little or much: but the abundance of the rich will not suffer him to sleep. ¹³There is a sore evil *which* I have seen under the sun, *namely*, riches kept for the owners thereof to their hurt. ¹⁴But those riches perish by evil travail: and he begetteth a son, and *there is* nothing in his hand. ¹⁵As he came forth of his mother's womb, naked shall he return to go as he came, and shall take nothing of his labour, which he may carry away in his hand. ¹⁶And this also *is* a sore evil, *that* in all points as he came, so shall he go: and what profit hath he that hath laboured for the wind? ¹⁷All his days also he eateth in darkness, and *he hath* much sorrow and wrath with his sickness.

¹⁸Behold *that* which I have seen: ^{*}*it is* ^{Heb. there is a good which is comely, &c.} good and comely *for one* to eat and to drink, and to enjoy the good of all his labour that he taketh under the sun ^{*}all the days of his life, which God ^{Heb. the number of the days.} giveth him: for *it is* his portion. ¹⁹Every man also to whom God hath given riches and wealth, and hath given him power to eat thereof, and to take his portion, and to rejoice in his labour; this *is* the gift of God. ²⁰^{*}For he shall not much remember ^{Or, Though he give not much, yet he remembereth, &c.} the days of his life; because God answereth *him* in the joy of his heart.

VI. THERE is an evil which I have seen under the sun, and it *is* common among men: ²a man to whom God hath given riches, wealth, and honour, so that he wanteth nothing for his soul of all that he desireth, yet God giveth him not power to eat thereof, but a stranger eateth it: this *is* vanity, and it *is* an evil disease. ³If a man beget an hundred *children*, and live many years, so that the days of his years be many, and his soul be not filled with good, and also *that* he have no burial; I say, *that* an untimely birth *is* better than he. ⁴For he cometh in with vanity, and departeth in darkness, and his name shall be covered with darkness. ⁵Moreover he hath not seen the sun, nor known *any thing*: this hath more rest than the other. ⁶Yea, though he live a thousand years twice *told*, yet hath he seen no good: do not all go to one place?—⁷All the labour of man *is* for his mouth, and yet the ^{*}appetite is not filled. Heb. soul. ⁸For what hath the wise more than the fool? what hath the poor, that knoweth to walk before the living? ⁹Better *is* the sight of the eyes ^{*}than the Heb. than the walking of the soul. wandering of the desire; this *is* also vanity and vexation of spirit. ¹⁰That which hath been is named already, and it is known that it *is* man: neither may he contend with him that is mightier than he. ¹¹Seeing there be many things that increase vanity, what *is* man the better? ¹²For who knoweth what *is* good for man in *this* life, ^{*}all the days of his vain Heb. the number of the days of the life of his vanity. life which he spendeth as a shadow? for who can tell a man what shall be after him under the sun?

VII. A GOOD name *is* better than precious ointment; and the day of death than the day of one's birth. ²*It is* better to go to the house of mourning,

than to go to the house of feasting: for that *is* the end of all men; and the living will lay *it* to his heart. ³*Sorrow *is* better than laughter: Or, *Anger.* for by the sadness of the countenance the heart is made better. ⁴The heart of the wise *is* in the house of mourning: but the heart of fools *is* in the house of mirth.—⁵*It is* better to hear the rebuke of the wise, than for a man to hear the song of fools. ⁶For as the *crackling of thorns under a pot, so *is* the ^{Heb. sound.} laughter of the fool: this also *is* vanity.—⁷Surely oppression maketh a wise man mad; and a gift destroyeth the heart.—⁸Better *is* the end of a thing than the beginning thereof: *and* the patient in spirit *is* better than the proud in spirit.—⁹Be not hasty in thy spirit to be angry: for anger resteth in the bosom of fools.—¹⁰Say not thou, What *is* the cause that the former days were better than these? for thou dost not enquire *wisely concerning this.—¹¹Wisdom **is* good with an inheritance: and ^{Heb. out of wisdom.} *by it there is* profit to them that see the sun. Or, ^{as good as an inheritance, yea, better too.} *by it there is* profit to them that see the sun.
¹²For wisdom *is* a *defence, *and* money *is* a ^{Heb. shadow.} defence: but the excellency of knowledge *is*, *that* wisdom giveth life to them that have it.—¹³Consider the work of God: for who can make *that* straight, which he hath made crooked?—¹⁴In the day of prosperity be joyful, but in the day of adversity consider: God also hath *set the one over against the ^{Heb. made.} other, to the end that man should find nothing after him.

¹⁵All *things* have I seen in the days of my vanity: there is a just *man* that perisheth in his righteousness, and there is a wicked *man* that longeth *his life* in his wickedness.—¹⁶Be not righteous over much; neither make thyself over wise: why shouldest thou *destroy thyself? ^{Heb. be desolate.} ¹⁷Be not over much wicked,

neither be thou foolish: why shouldest thou die *before thy time? ¹⁸ *It is good that thou* Heb. not in thy time. shouldest take hold of this; yea, also from this withdraw not thine hand: for he that feareth God shall come forth of them all.—¹⁹ Wisdom strengtheneth the wise more than ten mighty *men* which are in the city. —²⁰ For *there is* not a just man upon earth, that doeth good, and sinneth not. ²¹ Also *take no heed Heb. give not thy heart. unto all words that are spoken; lest thou hear thy servant curse thee: ²² for oftentimes also thine own heart knoweth that thou thyself likewise hast cursed others.

²³ All this have I proved by wisdom: I said, I will be wise; but it *was* far from me. ²⁴ That which is far off, and exceeding deep, who can find it out? ²⁵ *I applied mine heart to know, and to Heb. I and my heart compassed. search, and to seek out wisdom, and the reason *of things*, and to know the wickedness of folly, even of foolishness *and* madness: ²⁶ and I find more bitter than death the woman, whose heart *is* snares and nets, *and* her hands *as* bands: *whoso Heb. he that is good before God. pleaseth God shall escape from her; but the sinner shall be taken by her. ²⁷ Behold, this have I found, saith the preacher, *counting one by one, to Or, weighing one thing after another, to find out the reason. find out the account: ²⁸ which yet my soul seeketh, but I find not: one man among a thousand have I found; but a woman among all those have I not found. ²⁹ Lo, this only have I found, that God hath made man upright; but they have sought out many inventions.

VIII. WHO *is* as the wise *man*? and who knoweth the interpretation of a thing? a man's wisdom maketh his face to shine, and *the boldness of his face Heb. the strength. shall be changed.—² I *counsel thee* to keep the king's commandment, and *that* in regard of the oath of God.

³ Be not hasty to go out of his sight: stand not in an evil thing; for he doeth whatsoever pleaseth him.

⁴ Where the word of a king *is, there is power*: and who may say unto him, What doest thou?—⁵ Whoso

keepeth the commandment * shall feel no evil ^{Heb. shall know.} thing: and a wise man's heart discerneth both time and judgment. ⁶ Because to every purpose there is

time and judgment, therefore the misery of man *is* great upon him. ⁷ For he knoweth not that which

shall be: for who can tell him * when it shall ^{Or, how it shall be?} be?—⁸ *There is* no man that hath power over the spirit

to retain the spirit; neither *hath he* power in the day of death: and *there is* no * discharge in *that* ^{Or, casting off weapons.}

war; neither shall wickedness deliver those that are given to it.—⁹ All this have I seen, and applied my

heart unto every work that is done under the sun: *there is* a time wherein one man ruleth over another

to his own hurt. ¹⁰ And so I saw the wicked buried, who had come and gone from the place of the holy,

and they were forgotten in the city where they had so done: this *is* also vanity.—¹¹ Because sentence

against an evil work is not executed speedily, therefore the heart of the sons of men is fully set in them

to do evil. ¹² Though a sinner do evil an hundred times, and his *days* be prolonged, yet surely I know

that it shall be well with them that fear God, which fear before him: ¹³ but it shall not be well with the

wicked, neither shall he prolong *his* days, *which are* as a shadow; because he feareth not before God.

¹⁴ THERE is a vanity which is done upon the earth; that there be just *men*, unto whom it happeneth according to the work of the wicked; again, there be wicked *men*, to whom it happeneth according to the work of the righteous: I said that this also *is* vanity.

¹⁵ Then I commended mirth, because a man hath no better thing under the sun, than to eat, and to drink, and to be merry: for that shall abide with him of his labour the days of his life, which God giveth him under the sun.

¹⁶ When I applied mine heart to know wisdom, and to see the business that is done upon the earth: (for also *there is that* neither day nor night seeth sleep with his eyes:) ¹⁷ then I beheld all the work of God, that a man cannot find out the work that is done under the sun: because though a man labour to seek *it* out, yet he shall not find *it*; yea farther; though a wise *man* think to know *it*, yet shall he not be able to find *it*.

IX. For all this *I considered in my Heb. I gave, or, set to my heart. heart even to declare all this, that the righteous, and the wise, and their works, *are* in the hand of God: no man knoweth either love or hatred *by all that is* before them. ² *All things come alike to all: there is one event to the righteous, and to the wicked; to the good and to the clean, and to the unclean; to him that sacrificeth, and to him that sacrificeth not: as is the good, so is the sinner; and he that sweareth, as he that feareth an oath.* ³ *This is an evil among all things that are done under the sun, that there is one event unto all: yea, also the heart of the sons of men is full of evil, and madness is in their heart while they live, and after that they go to the dead.* ⁴ For to him that is joined to all the living there is hope: for a living dog is better than a dead lion. ⁵ For the living know that they shall die: but the dead know not any thing, neither have they any more a reward; for the memory of them is forgotten. ⁶ Also their love, and their hatred, and their envy, is now perished; neither have they any more a portion for ever in any *thing* that is done under the sun.

⁷ Go thy way, eat thy bread with joy, and drink thy wine with a merry heart; for God now accepteth thy works. ⁸ Let thy garments be always white; and let thy head lack no ointment. ⁹ *Live joyfully ^{Heb. See, or, enjoy life.} with the wife whom thou lovest all the days of the life of thy vanity, which he hath given thee under the sun, all the days of thy vanity: for that *is* thy portion in *this* life, and in thy labour which thou takest under the sun. ¹⁰ Whatsoever thy hand findeth to do, do *it* with thy might; for *there is* no work, nor device, nor knowledge, nor wisdom, in the grave, whither thou goest.

¹¹ I RETURNED, and saw under the sun, that the race *is* not to the swift, nor the battle to the strong, neither yet bread to the wise, nor yet riches to men of understanding, nor yet favour to men of skill; but time and chance happeneth to them all. ¹² For man also knoweth not his time: as the fishes that are taken in an evil net, and as the birds that are caught in the snare; so *are* the sons of men snared in an evil time, when it falleth suddenly upon them.—¹³ This wisdom have I seen also under the sun, and it *seemed* great unto me: ¹⁴ *There was* a little city, and few men within it; and there came a great king against it, and besieged it, and built great bulwarks against it: ¹⁵ now there was found in it a poor wise man, and he by his wisdom delivered the city; yet no man remembered that same poor man. ¹⁶ Then said I, Wisdom *is* better than strength: nevertheless the poor man's wisdom *is* despised, and his words are not heard. ¹⁷ The words of wise *men are* heard in quiet more than the cry of him that ruleth among fools. ¹⁸ Wisdom *is* better than weapons of war: but one sinner destroyeth much good. X. *Dead flies cause the ointment of ^{Heb. Flies of death.}

the apothecary to send forth a stinking savour: *so doth* a little folly him that is in reputation for wisdom *and* honour. ² A wise man's heart *is* at his right hand; but a fool's heart at his left. ³ Yea also, when he that is a fool walketh by the way, ^{*}his Heb. *his heart*. wisdom faileth *him*, and he saith to every one *that* he *is* a fool.

⁴ If the spirit of the ruler rise up against thee, leave not thy place; for yielding pacifieth great offences.

⁵ There is an evil *which* I have seen under the sun, as an error *which* proceedeth ^{*}from the ruler: Heb. *from before*.

⁶ folly is set ^{*}in great dignity, and the rich Heb. *in great heights*. sit in low place. ⁷ I have seen servants upon horses,

and princes walking as servants upon the earth.—⁸ He that diggeth a pit shall fall into it; and whoso breaketh an hedge, a serpent shall bite him. ⁹ Whoso removeth stones shall be hurt therewith; *and* he that cleaveth wood shall be endangered thereby. ¹⁰ If the iron be blunt, and he do not whet the edge, then must he put to more strength: but wisdom *is* profitable to direct. ¹¹ Surely the serpent will bite without enchantment, and a ^{*}babbler is no better.—¹² The Heb. *the master of the tongue*.

words of a wise man's mouth *are* ^{*}gracious; Heb. *grace*. but the lips of a fool will swallow up himself. ¹³ The beginning of the words of his mouth *is* foolishness:

and the end of ^{*}his talk *is* mischievous madness. Heb. *his mouth*.

¹⁴ A fool also ^{*}is full of words: a man can- Heb. *multiplieth words*.

not tell what shall be; and what shall be after him, who can tell him? ¹⁵ The labour of the foolish wearieth every one of them, because he knoweth not how to go to the city.—¹⁶ Woe to thee, O land, when thy king *is*

a child, and thy princes eat in the morning! ¹⁷ Blessed *art* thou, O land, when thy king *is* the son of nobles, and thy princes eat in due season, for strength, and

not for drunkenness!—¹⁸By much slothfulness the building decayeth; and through idleness of the hands the house droppeth through.—¹⁹A feast is made for laughter, and wine *maketh merry: but money ^{Heb. maketh glad the life.} answereth all *things*.—²⁰Curse not the king, no not in thy *thought; and curse not the rich in ^{Or, conscience.} thy bedchamber: for a bird of the air shall carry the voice, and that which hath wings shall tell the matter.

XI. Cast thy bread *upon the waters: ^{Heb. upon the face of the waters.} for thou shalt find it after many days. ²Give a portion to seven, and also to eight; for thou knowest not what evil shall be upon the earth. ³If the clouds be full of rain, they empty *themselves* upon the earth: and if the tree fall toward the south, or toward the north, in the place where the tree falleth, there it shall be.—⁴He that observeth the wind shall not sow; and he that regardeth the clouds shall not reap.—⁵As thou knowest not what *is* the way of the spirit, *nor* how the bones *do grow* in the womb of her that is with child: even so thou knowest not the works of God who maketh all. ⁶In the morning sow thy seed, and in the evening withhold not thine hand: for thou knowest not whether *shall prosper, either this or that, ^{Heb. shall be right.} or whether they both *shall be* alike good.

⁷TRULY the light *is* sweet, and a pleasant *thing it is* for the eyes to behold the sun: ⁸but if a man live many years, *and* rejoice in them all; yet let him remember the days of darkness; for they shall be many. All that cometh *is* vanity. ⁹Rejoice, O young man, in thy youth; and let thy heart cheer thee in the days of thy youth, and walk in the ways of thine heart, and in the sight of thine eyes: but know thou, that for all these *things* God will bring thee into judg-

ment. ¹⁰Therefore remove *sorrow from thy Or, anger. heart, and put away evil from thy flesh: for childhood and youth *are* vanity.

XII. Remember now thy Creator in the days of thy youth, while the evil days come not, nor the years draw nigh, when thou shalt say, I have no pleasure in them; ²while the sun, or the light, or the moon, or the stars, be not darkened, nor the clouds return after the rain: ³in the day when the keepers of the house shall tremble, and the strong men shall bow themselves, and *the grinders cease be- Or, the grinders fail, because they grind little. cause they are few, and those that look out of the windows be darkened, ⁴and the doors shall be shut in the streets, when the sound of the grinding is low, and he shall rise up at the voice of the bird, and all the daughters of musick shall be brought low; ⁵also *when* they shall be afraid of *that which is* high, and fears *shall be* in the way, and the almond tree shall flourish, and the grasshopper shall be a burden, and desire shall fail: because man goeth to his long home, and the mourners go about the streets: ⁶or ever the silver cord be loosed, or the golden bowl be broken, or the pitcher be broken at the fountain, or the wheel broken at the cistern. ⁷Then shall the dust return to the earth as it was: and the spirit shall return unto God who gave it.

⁸Vanity of vanities, saith the preacher; all *is* vanity.

⁹And *moreover, because the preacher Or, the more wise the preacher was, &c. was wise, he still taught the people knowledge; yea, he gave good heed, and sought out, *and* set in order many proverbs. ¹⁰The preacher sought to find out *acceptable words: and *that which was* written Heb. words of delight. *was* upright, *even* words of truth. ¹¹The words of the wise *are* as goads, and as nails fastened *by* the masters of assemblies, *which* are given from one shepherd.

¹² And further, by these, my son, be admonished: of making many books *there is* no end; and much *study *is* a weariness of the flesh.

Or, reading.

¹³ * Let us hear the conclusion of the whole Or, The end of the matter, even all that hath been heard, is. matter: Fear God, and keep his commandments: for this *is* the whole *duty* of man. ¹⁴ For God shall bring every work into judgment, with every secret thing, whether *it be* good, or whether *it be* evil.

SYNOPSIS

OF THE

BOOK OF ECCLESIASTES.

The vanity of all earthly things (i. 2).

The unprofitableness of human labour, and the transitoriness of human life (i. 3-11).

The vanity of laborious inquiries into the ways and works of man (i. 12-18).

Luxury and pleasure are only vanity and vexation of spirit (ii. 1-11).

Though the wise excel fools, yet, as death happens to them both, human learning is but vanity (ii. 12-17).

The vanity of human labour, in leaving wealth man knows not to whom (ii. 18-23).

The emptiness of sensual enjoyments (ii. 24-26).

Though there is a proper time for the execution of all human purposes, yet are they useless

and vain; the divine counsels, however, are immutable (iii. 1-14).

The vanity of human pursuits proved from the wickedness prevailing in courts of justice, contrasted with the righteous judgment of God (iii. 15-17).

Though life, considered in itself, is vanity, for men die as well as beasts, yet, in the end, it will be very different with the spirit of man and that of beasts (iii. 18-22).

Vanity is increased unto men by oppression (iv. 1-3).

The vanity of prosperity (iv. 4).

The vanity of folly, or of preferring the world to True Wisdom (iv. 5, 6).

The vanity of covetousness (iv. 7, 8).

Though society has its advan-

tages, yet dominion and empire are but vanity (iv. 9-16). Errors in the performance of divine worship, which render it vain and unprofitable (v. 1-7).

The vanity of murmuring at injustice; for though the oppression of the poor and the perversion of judgment greatly prevail, they do not escape the notice of the Almighty (v. 8, 9).

The vanity of riches, with an admonition as to the moderate enjoyment of them (v. 10-20).

The vanity of avarice (vi. 1-9).

Since all human designs, labours, and enjoyments are vain, it is natural to inquire, What is good for man? What is his Supreme Good? (vi. 10-12). The answer is contained in the remainder of the book.

The praise of character and reputation (vii. 1).

Affliction improves the heart, and exalts the character of the wise (vii. 2-10).

The excellence of Wisdom (vii. 11-14).

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The evil of wickedness shows the advantage of True Wisdom (viii. 8-13).

An objection, with the answer (viii. 14; ix. 1).

An objection, with the answer (ix. 2; x. 17).

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An exhortation to the early cultivation of religious habits (xii. 1-7).

The conclusion (xii. 8-14).

THE
SONG OF SONGS.

THE general character of this Book in contrast to Ecclesiastes is very striking. Ecclesiastes, from beginning to end, tells of the vanity of the creature; Canticles, of the sufficiency of the Beloved.

In Ecclesiastes, the world is searched through and through in all its treasures of wisdom, of pleasure, and of riches; but an object to satisfy the heart is not found in them all. All is vanity, yea, vanity of vanities.

In Canticles, what a contrast! an object to satisfy the heart is found; that object is not the creature, but the Beloved. One verse in St. John's Gospel gives this contrast perfectly. Ecclesiastes is the first half of the verse, "Whosoever drinketh of this water *shall thirst again*;" Canticles is the latter half of the verse, "Whosoever drinketh of the water that I shall give him *shall never thirst*."*

ILLUSTRATIVE REFERENCES.

Thou shalt be called Hephzibah, . . . for the Lord delighteth in thee. As the bridegroom rejoiceth over the bride, so shall thy God rejoice over thee.—Is. lxii. 4, 5.

* See "The Song of Solomon compared with other Scriptures," Nisbet and Co.

Thy Maker is thine husband.—Is. liv. 5. He that hath the bride is the bridegroom.—Jno. iii. 29. Can the children of the bridechamber mourn, as long as the bridegroom is with them?—Mat. ix. 15.

Christ loved the Church, and gave himself for it, that he might sanctify and cleanse it that he might present it to himself a glorious Church, not having spot, or wrinkle, or any such thing; but that it should be holy and without blemish.—Eph. v. 25-27.

Thou art all fair, my love; there is no spot in thee.—Cant. iv. 7.

I have espoused you to one husband, that I may present you as a chaste virgin to Christ.—2 Cor. xi. 2.

Psalm xlv.

THE

SONG OF SOLOMON.

I. THE song of songs, which *is* Solomon's.

²Let him kiss me with the kisses of his mouth: for
*thy love *is* better than wine. ³Because of the <sup>Heb. *thy*
loves.</sup> savour of thy good ointments thy name *is as* ointment
poured forth, therefore do the virgins love thee. ⁴Draw
me, we will run after thee: the king hath brought
me into his chambers: we will be glad and rejoice in
thee, we will remember thy love more than wine:
*the upright love thee.—⁵I *am* black, but <sup>Or, *they love thee*
uprightly.</sup> comely, O ye daughters of Jerusalem, as the tents of
Kedar, as the curtains of Solomon. ⁶Look not upon
me, because I *am* black, because the sun hath looked
upon me: my mother's children were angry with me;
they made me the keeper of the vineyards; *but* mine
own vineyard have I not kept.—⁷Tell me, O thou
whom my soul loveth, where thou feedest, where thou
makest *thy flock* to rest at noon: for why should I be
*as one that turneth aside by the flocks of <sup>Or, *as one that*
is veiled.</sup> thy companions? ⁸If thou know not, O thou fairest
among women, go thy way forth by the footsteps of the
flock, and feed thy kids beside the shepherds' tents.

⁹I have compared thee, O my love, to a company

of horses in Pharaoh's chariots. ¹⁰ Thy cheeks are comely with rows of *jewels*, thy neck with chains of *gold*. ¹¹ We will make thee borders of gold with studs of silver.—¹² While the king *sitteth* at his table, my spikenard sendeth forth the smell thereof. ¹³ A bundle of myrrh *is* my wellbeloved unto me; he shall lie all night betwixt my breasts. ¹⁴ My beloved *is* unto me as a cluster of *camphire in the vineyards of En-gedi.—¹⁵ Behold, thou *art* fair, *my love; behold, thou *art* fair; thou *hast* doves' eyes.—¹⁶ Behold, thou *art* fair, my beloved, yea, pleasant: also our bed *is* green. ¹⁷ The beams of our house *are* cedar, and our *rafters of fir. II. I *AM* the rose of Sharon, and the lily of the valleys.—² As the lily among thorns, so *is* my love among the daughters.—³ As the apple tree among the trees of the wood, so *is* my beloved among the sons. *I sat down under his shadow with great delight, and his fruit *was* sweet to my *taste. ⁴ He brought me to the *banqueting house, and his banner over me *was* love. ⁵ Stay me with flagons, *comfort me with apples: for I *am* sick of love. ⁶ His left hand *is* under my head, and his right hand doth embrace me.—⁷ *I charge you, O ye daughters of Jerusalem, by the roes, and by the hinds of the field, that ye stir not up, nor awake *my* love, till he please.

⁸ The voice of my beloved! behold, he cometh leaping upon the mountains, skipping upon the hills. ⁹ My beloved is like a roe or a young hart: behold, he standeth behind our wall, he looketh forth at the windows, *shewing himself through the lattice. ¹⁰ My beloved spake, and said unto me, Rise up, my love, my fair one, and come away. ¹¹ For, lo, the

Or, *cypress*.

Or, *my companion*.

Or, *galleries*.

Heb. *I delighted and sat down, &c.*

Heb. *palate*.

Heb. *house of wine*.

Heb. *straw me with apples*.

Heb. *I adjure you*.

Heb. *flourishing*.

winter is past, the rain is over *and* gone; ¹² the flowers appear on the earth; the time of the singing *of birds* is come, and the voice of the turtle is heard in our land; ¹³ the fig tree putteth forth her green figs, and the vines *with* the tender grape give a *good* smell. Arise, my love, my fair one, and come away. ¹⁴ O my dove, *that art* in the clefts of the rock, in the secret *places* of the stairs, let me see thy countenance, let me hear thy voice; for sweet *is* thy voice, and thy countenance *is* comely. ¹⁵ Take us the foxes, the little foxes, that spoil the vines: for our vines *have* tender grapes. ¹⁶ My beloved *is* mine, and I *am* his: he feedeth among the lilies. ¹⁷ Until the day break, and the shadows flee away, turn, my beloved, and be thou like a roe or a young hart upon the mountains of *Bether.

Or, *division*.

III. BY night on my bed I sought him whom my soul loveth: I sought him, but I found him not. ² I will rise now, and go about the city in the streets, and in the broad ways I will seek him whom my soul loveth: I sought him, but I found him not. ³ The watchmen that go about the city found me: *to whom I said*, Saw ye him whom my soul loveth? ⁴ *It was* but a little that I passed from them, but I found him whom my soul loveth: I held him, and would not let him go, until I had brought him into my mother's house, and into the chamber of her that conceived me.—⁵ I charge you, O ye daughters of Jerusalem, by the roes, and by the hinds of the field, that ye stir not up, nor awake *my* love, till he please.

⁶ Who *is* this that cometh out of the wilderness like pillars of smoke, perfumed with myrrh and frankincense, with all powders of the merchant? ⁷ Behold his

bed, which *is* Solomon's; threescore valiant men *are* about it, of the valiant of Israel. ⁸ They all hold swords, *being* expert in war: every man *hath* his sword upon his thigh because of fear in the night. ⁹ King Solomon made himself * a chariot of the Or, a bed. wood of Lebanon. ¹⁰ He made the pillars thereof *of* silver, the bottom thereof *of* gold, the covering of it *of* purple, the midst thereof being paved *with* love, for the daughters of Jerusalem. ¹¹ Go forth, O ye daughters of Zion, and behold king Solomon with the crown wherewith his mother crowned him in the day of his espousals, and in the day of the gladness of his heart.

IV. Behold, thou *art* fair, my love; behold, thou *art* fair; thou *hast* doves' eyes within thy locks: thy hair *is* as a flock of goats, * that appear from Or, that eat of, &c. mount Gilead. ² Thy teeth *are* like a flock *of* sheep that *are* even shorn, which came up from the washing; whereof every one bear twins, and none *is* barren among them. ³ Thy lips *are* like a thread of scarlet, and thy speech is comely: thy temples are like a piece of a pomegranate within thy locks. ⁴ Thy neck *is* like the tower of David builded for an armoury, whereon there hang a thousand bucklers, all shields of mighty men. ⁵ Thy two breasts *are* like two young roes that are twins, which feed among the lilies. ⁶ Until the day * break, and the shadows flee Heb. breathe. away, I will get me to the mountain of myrrh, and to the hill of frankincense. ⁷ Thou *art* all fair, my love; *there is* no spot in thee.—⁸ Come with me from Lebanon, *my* spouse, with me from Lebanon: look from the top of Amana, from the top of Shenir and Hermon, from the lions' dens, from the mountains of the leopards. ⁹ Thou hast * ravished my heart, Or, taken away my heart. my sister, *my* spouse; thou hast ravished my heart

with one of thine eyes, with one chain of thy neck.

¹⁰ How fair is thy love, my sister, *my* spouse! how much better is thy love than wine! and the smell of thine ointments than all spices! ¹¹ Thy lips, O *my* spouse, drop *as* the honeycomb: honey and milk *are* under thy tongue; and the smell of thy garments *is* like the smell of Lebanon. ¹² A garden ^{Heb. barred.} *in-* closed *is* my sister, *my* spouse; a spring shut up, a fountain sealed.

¹³ Thy plants *are* an orchard of pomegranates, with pleasant fruits; ^{*}camphire, ^{Or, cypress.} with spikenard, ¹⁴ spikenard and saffron; calamus and cinnamon, with all trees of frankincense; myrrh and aloes, with all the chief spices: ¹⁵ a fountain of gardens, a well of living waters, and streams from Lebanon.—

¹⁶ Awake, O north wind; and come, thou south; blow upon my garden, *that* the spices thereof may flow out. Let my beloved come into his garden, and eat his pleasant fruits.—V. I am come into my garden, my sister, *my* spouse: I have gathered my myrrh with my spice; I have eaten my honeycomb with my honey; I have drunk my wine with my milk: eat, O friends; drink, ^{*}yea, drink abundantly, ^{Or, and be drunken with loves.} O beloved.

² I sleep, but my heart waketh: *it is* the voice of my beloved that knocketh, *saying*, Open to me, my sister, my love, my dove, my undefiled: for my head is filled with dew, *and* my locks with the drops of the night. ³ I have put off my coat; how shall I put it on? I have washed my feet; how shall I defile them?

⁴ My beloved put in his hand by the hole *of the door*, and my bowels were moved ^{*}for him. ⁵ I rose ^{Or, (as some read) in me.} up to open to my beloved; and my hands dropped *with* myrrh, and my fingers *with* ^{*}sweet ^{Heb. passing, or, running about.} smelling myrrh, upon the handles of the lock. ⁶ I

opened to my beloved; but my beloved had withdrawn himself, *and* was gone: my soul failed when he spake: I sought him, but I could not find him; I called him, but he gave me no answer. ⁷ The watchmen that went about the city found me, they smote me, they wounded me; the keepers of the walls took away my veil from me. ⁸ I charge you, O daughters of Jerusalem, if ye find my beloved, *that ye Heb. what. tell him, that I *am* sick of love.—⁹ What *is* thy beloved more than *another* beloved, O thou fairest among women? what *is* thy beloved more than *another* beloved, that thou dost so charge us?—¹⁰ My beloved *is* white and ruddy, *the chiefest among Heb. a standard-bearer. ten thousand. ¹¹ His head *is as* the most fine gold: his locks *are* *bushy, *and* black as Or, curled. a raven. ¹² His eyes *are as the eyes* of doves by the rivers of waters, washed with milk, *and* *fitly set. ¹³ His cheeks Heb. sitting in fulness, that is, fitly placed, and set as a precious stone in the foil of a ring. *are as* a bed of spices, *as* *sweet flowers: his Or, towers of perfume. lips *like* lilies, dropping sweet smelling myrrh. ¹⁴ His hands *are as* gold rings set with the beryl: his belly *is as* bright ivory overlaid *with* sapphires. ¹⁵ His legs *are as* pillars of marble, set upon sockets of fine gold: his countenance *is as* Lebanon, excellent as the cedars. ¹⁶ *His mouth *is* most sweet: yea, he *is* alto- Heb. his palate. gether lovely. This *is* my beloved, and this *is* my friend, O daughters of Jerusalem.—VI. Whither *is* thy beloved gone, O thou fairest among women? whither *is* thy beloved turned aside? that we may seek him with thee.—² My beloved *is* gone down into his garden, to the beds of spices, to feed in the gardens, and to gather lilies. ³ I *am* my beloved's, and my beloved *is* mine: he feedeth among the lilies.

⁴ Thou *art* beautiful, O my love, as Tirzah, comely

as Jerusalem, terrible as *an army* with banners.
⁵ Turn away thine eyes from me, for *they ^{Or, they have puffed me up.}
 have overcome me: thy hair *is* as a flock of goats that
 appear from Gilead. ⁶ Thy teeth *are* as a flock of
 sheep which go up from the washing, whereof every
 one beareth twins, and *there is* not one barren among
 them. ⁷ As a piece of a pomegranate *are* thy temples
 within thy locks.—⁸ There are threescore queens, and
 fourscore concubines, and virgins without number.
⁹ My dove, my undefiled is *but* one; she *is* the *only*
 one of her mother, she *is* the choice *one* of her that
 bare her. The daughters saw her, and blessed her;
yea, the queens and the concubines, and they praised
 her.

¹⁰ Who *is* she *that* looketh forth as the morning, fair
 as the moon, clear as the sun, *and* terrible as *an*
army with banners?—¹¹ I went down into the garden
 of nuts to see the fruits of the valley, *and* to see
 whether the vine flourished, *and* the pomegranates
 budded. ¹² *Or ever I was aware, my soul ^{Heb. I knew not.}
 *made me *like* the chariots of Ammi-^{Or, set me on the chariots of my willing people.}
 nadib. ¹³ Return, return, O Shulamite; return, return,
 that we may look upon thee. What will ye see in the
 Shulamite? As it were the company *of two ^{Or, of Mahanaim.}
 armies.

VII. How beautiful are thy feet with shoes, O
 prince's daughter! the joints of thy thighs *are* like
 jewels, the work of the hands of a cunning workman.
² Thy navel *is like* a round goblet, *which* wanteth not
 *liquor: thy belly *is like* an heap of wheat ^{Heb. mixture.}
 set about with lilies. ³ Thy two breasts *are* like two
 young roes *that are* twins. ⁴ Thy neck *is* as a tower
 of ivory; thine eyes *like* the fishpools in Heshbon, by
 the gate of Bath-rabbim: thy nose *is* as the tower of

Lebanon which looketh toward Damascus. ⁵ Thine head upon thee *is* like *Carmel, and the hair Or, crimson. of thine head like purple; the king *is* *held in Heb. bound. the galleries. ⁶ How fair and how pleasant art thou, O love, for delights! ⁷ This thy stature is like to a palm tree, and thy breasts to clusters *of grapes*. ⁸ I said, I will go up to the palm tree, I will take hold of the boughs thereof: now also thy breasts shall be as clusters of the vine, and the smell of thy nose like apples; ⁹ and the roof of thy mouth like the best wine for my beloved, that goeth *down* *sweetly, causing Heb. straightly. the lips *of those that are asleep to speak. Or, of the ancient. ¹⁰ I *am* my beloved's, and his desire *is* toward me. ¹¹ Come, my beloved, let us go forth into the field; let us lodge in the villages.—¹² Let us get up early to the vineyards; let us see if the vine flourish, *whether* the tender grape *appear, *and* the pomegranates Heb. open. bud forth: there will I give thee my loves. ¹³ The mandrakes give a smell, and at our gates *are* all manner of pleasant *fruits*, new and old, *which* I have laid up for thee, O my beloved. VIII. O that thou *wert* as my brother, that sucked the breasts of my mother! *when* I should find thee without, I would kiss thee; yea, *I should not be despised. ² I would Heb. they should not despise me. lead thee, *and* bring thee into my mother's house, *who* would instruct me: I would cause thee to drink of spiced wine of the juice of my pomegranate. ³ His left hand *should be* under my head, and his right hand should embrace me.—⁴ I charge you, O daughters of Jerusalem, *that ye stir not up, nor Heb. why should ye stir up, or, why, &c. awake *my* love, until he please.

⁵ Who *is* this that cometh up from the wilderness, leaning upon her beloved?

I raised thee up under the apple tree: there thy

mother brought thee forth: there she brought thee forth *that* bare thee. ⁶ Set me as a seal upon thine heart, as a seal upon thine arm: for love *is* strong as death; jealousy *is* *cruel as the grave: the ^{Heb. hard.} coals thereof *are* coals of fire, *which* hath a most vehement flame. ⁷ Many waters cannot quench love, neither can the floods drown it: if a man would give all the substance of his house for love, it would utterly be contemned.

⁸ WE have a little sister, and she hath no breasts: what shall we do for our sister in the day when she shall be spoken for? ⁹ If she *be* a wall, we will build upon her a palace of silver: and if she *be* a door, we will inclose her with boards of cedar.—¹⁰ I *am* a wall, and my breasts like towers: then was I in his eyes as one that found *favour. ¹¹ Solomon had a ^{Heb. peace.} vineyard at Baal-hamon; he let out the vineyard unto keepers; every one for the fruit thereof was to bring a thousand *pieces* of silver. ¹² My vineyard, which *is* mine, *is* before me: thou, O Solomon, *must have* a thousand, and those that keep the fruit thereof two hundred.

¹³ Thou that dwellest in the gardens, the companions hearken to thy voice: cause me to hear *it*.—¹⁴ *Make haste, my beloved, and be thou like ^{Heb. flee away.} to a roe or to a young hart upon the mountains of spices.

THE BOOK OF ISAIAH.

THE name of this Prophet signifies, "The Salvation of Jehovah," and its accordance with the leading subjects of the prophecy leads to the supposition that it was bestowed upon Isaiah by Divine direction: just as the names of his two sons were symbols of important events.

Isaiah's prophetical course extended from about the last year of Uzziah, B.C. 759, to about the tenth year of Manasseh, B.C. 688.

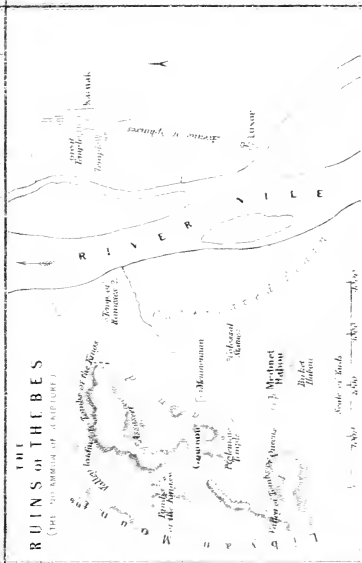
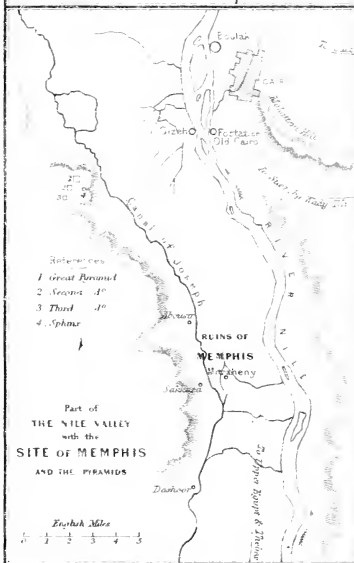
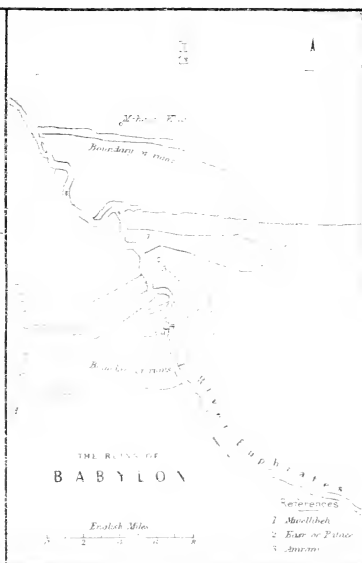
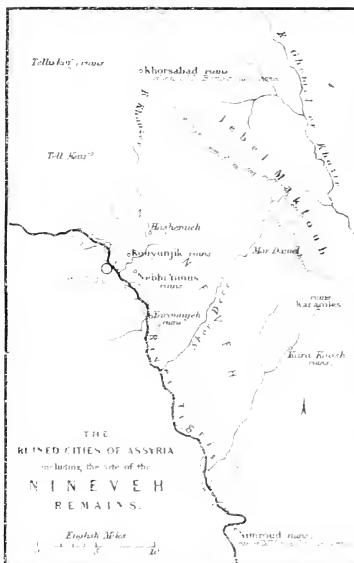
The Prophets Jonah, Hosea, and Micah, were contemporary with Isaiah.

The Prophecies consist of two distinct parts: the predictive portion, the interpretation of which must be restricted to the particular objects indicated; and the doctrinal portions, the application of which may be considered as general as the moral circumstances which led to their being written.

Predictions which relate to the Jews, to Babylon, or to Egypt, to Tyre, or to any other place or people, should be carefully studied as belonging to the very nations specially mentioned. To attempt a spiritual interpretation of prophecy, and to disregard the literal import of its emphatic declarations, by applying its language figuratively to the circumstances of the Church of Christ, is to run the risk not only of misapplying those portions which can be adapted to the Gospel dispensation, but of *neglecting* much that cannot be thus diverted from its literal signification.

On the other hand, while keeping faith, as it were, with those historical parts of prophecy which belong to the earthly Jerusalem, and her returning people, and the various nations designated, there is, besides the wonderful announcements of Messiah's advent and kingdom, very much that belongs to the Church, in which Christ is set forth as the only sufficient Saviour, and the everlasting love of God is declared; in which His holiness and His mercy are portrayed as in accordance; in which He is shown to be a just God and a Saviour; and in which the long-suffering mercy of our God is vindicated by the judgments poured upon those whose disobedience rejects the offers of His grace.

In the Index which accompanies this prophecy, an attempt has been made to classify the predictions under various proper names, and to indicate some of the doctrinal subjects under suitable heads.



I S A I A H.



I. THE vision of Isaiah the son of Amoz, which he saw concerning Judah and Jerusalem in the days of Uzziah, Jotham, Ahaz, *and* Hezekiah, kings of Judah.

² HEAR, O heavens, and give ear, O earth: for the LORD hath spoken, I have nourished and brought up children, and they have rebelled against me.

³ The ox knoweth his owner, and the ass his master's crib: *but* Israel doth not know, my people doth not consider.

⁴ Ah sinful nation, a people *laden with Heb. of heaviness. iniquity, a seed of evildoers, children that are corrupters: they have forsaken the LORD, they have provoked the Holy One of Israel unto anger, they are *gone away backward. ⁵ Why should Heb. alienated, or, separated. ye be stricken any more? ye will *revolt Heb. increase revolt. more and more: the whole head is sick, and the whole heart faint. ⁶ From the sole of the foot even unto the head *there is* no soundness in it: *but* wounds, and bruises, and putrifying sores: they have not been closed, neither bound up, neither mollified with *ointment. ⁷ Your country *is* or, oil. desolate, your cities *are* burned with fire: your land, strangers devour it in your presence, and *it is* desolate, *as overthrown by strangers. Heb. as the overthrow of strangers.

⁸ And the daughter of Zion is left as a cottage in a vineyard, as a lodge in a garden of cucumbers, as a besieged city. ⁹ Except the LORD of hosts had left unto us a very small remnant, we should have been as Sodom, *and* we should have been like unto Gomorrah.

- ¹⁰ Hear the word of the LORD, ye rulers of Sodom; give ear unto the law of our God, ye people of Gomorrah. ¹¹ To what purpose *is* the multitude of your sacrifices unto me? saith the LORD: I am full of the burnt offerings of rams, and the fat of fed beasts; and I delight not in the blood of bullocks, or of lambs, or of ^{Heb. great he goats.} *he goats. ¹² When ye ^{Heb. to be seen.} come *to appear before me, who hath required this at your hand, to tread my courts? ¹³ Bring no more vain oblations; incense is an abomination unto me; the new moons and sabbaths, the calling of assemblies, I cannot away with; *it is* *iniquity, even the solemn meeting. ¹⁴ Your ^{Or, grief.} new moons and your appointed feasts my soul hateth: they are a trouble unto me; I am weary to bear *them*. ¹⁵ And when ye spread forth your hands, I will hide mine eyes from you: yea, when ye *make many prayers, I will not hear: ^{Heb. multiply prayer.} your hands are full of *blood. ¹⁶ Wash you, ^{Heb. bloods.} make you clean: put away the evil of your doings from before mine eyes; cease to do evil; ¹⁷ learn to do well; seek judgment, *relieve the ^{Or, righten.} oppressed, judge the fatherless, plead for the widow.
- ¹⁸ Come now, and let us reason together, saith the LORD: though your sins be as scarlet, they shall be as white as snow; though they be red like crimson, they shall be as wool. ¹⁹ If ye be willing and obedient, ye shall eat the good of the land: ²⁰ but if ye refuse and rebel, ye shall be devoured

with the sword: for the mouth of the LORD hath spoken *it*.

²¹ How is the faithful city become an harlot! it was full of judgment; righteousness lodged in it; but now murderers. ²² Thy silver is become dross, thy wine mixed with water: ²³ thy princes *are* rebellious, and companions of thieves: every one loveth gifts, and followeth after rewards: they judge not the fatherless, neither doth the cause of the widow come unto them.

²⁴ Therefore saith the Lord, the LORD of hosts, the mighty One of Israel, Ah, I will ease me of mine adversaries, and avenge me of mine enemies: ²⁵ and I will turn my hand upon thee, and *purely purge away thy dross, and take ^{Heb. according to pureness.} away all thy tin: ²⁶ and I will restore thy judges as at the first, and thy counsellors as at the beginning: afterward thou shalt be called, The city of righteousness, the faithful city. ²⁷ Zion shall be redeemed with judgment, and *her converts ^{Or, they that return of her.} with righteousness. ²⁸ And the *destruction ^{Heb. breaking.} of the transgressors and of the sinners *shall be* together, and they that forsake the LORD shall be consumed. ²⁹ For they shall be ashamed of the oaks which ye have desired, and ye shall be confounded for the gardens that ye have chosen. ³⁰ For ye shall be as an oak whose leaf fadeth, and as a garden that hath no water. ³¹ And the strong shall be as tow, *and the maker of it as a ^{Or, and his work.} spark, and they shall both burn together, and none shall quench *them*.

II. THE word that Isaiah the son of Amoz saw concerning Judah and Jerusalem.

² And it shall come to pass in the last days, *that* the mountain of the LORD's house shall *be ^{Or, be prepared.}

established in the top of the mountains, and shall be exalted above the hills; and all nations shall flow unto it. ³ And many people shall go and say, Come ye, and let us go up to the mountain of the LORD, to the house of the God of Jacob; and he will teach us of his ways, and we will walk in his paths: for out of Zion shall go forth the law, and the word of the LORD from Jerusalem. ⁴ And he shall judge among the nations, and shall rebuke many people: and they shall beat their swords into plowshares, and their spears into *pruninghooks: nation shall not lift up Or, scythes. sword against nation, neither shall they learn war any more. ⁵ O house of Jacob, come ye, and let us walk in the light of the LORD.

⁶ Therefore thou hast forsaken thy people the house of Jacob, because they be replenished *from Or, more than the east. the east, and *are* soothsayers like the Philistines, and they *please themselves in the chil- Or, abound with the children, &c. dren of strangers. ⁷ Their land also is full of silver and gold, neither *is there any* end of their treasures; their land is also full of horses, neither *is there any* end of their chariots: ⁸ their land also is full of idols; they worship the work of their own hands, that which their own fingers have made: ⁹ and the mean man boweth down, and the great man humbleth himself: therefore forgive them not.

¹⁰ Enter into the rock, and hide thee in the dust, for fear of the LORD, and for the glory of his majesty.

¹¹ The lofty looks of man shall be humbled, and the haughtiness of men shall be bowed down, and the LORD alone shall be exalted in that day.

¹² For the day of the LORD of hosts *shall be* upon every *one that is* proud and lofty, and upon every

one that is lifted up; and he shall be brought low:
¹³ and upon all the cedars of Lebanon, *that are*
 high and lifted up, and upon all the oaks of
 Bashan, ¹⁴ and upon all the high mountains, and
 upon all the hills *that are* lifted up, ¹⁵ and upon
 every high tower, and upon every fenced wall,
¹⁶ and upon all the ships of Tarshish, and upon
 all *pleasant pictures. ¹⁷ And the lofti- Heb. pictures
of desire.
 ness of man shall be bowed down, and the
 haughtiness of men shall be made low: and the
 LORD alone shall be exalted in that day. ¹⁸ And
 * the idols he shall utterly abolish. Or, the idols shall
utterly pass away.
¹⁹ And they shall go into the holes of the rocks,
 and into the caves of *the earth, for fear Heb. the
dust.
 of the LORD, and for the glory of his majesty,
 when he ariseth to shake terribly the earth.

²⁰ In that day a man shall cast *his idols of Heb. the idols of
his silver, &c.
 silver, and his idols of gold, *which they Or, which they
made for him.
 made *each one* for himself to worship, to the moles
 and to the bats; ²¹ to go into the clefts of the
 rocks, and into the tops of the ragged rocks, for
 fear of the LORD, and for the glory of his majesty,
 when he ariseth to shake terribly the earth.

²² Cease ye from man, whose breath *is* in his nostrils:
 for wherein is he to be accounted of?

III. For, behold, the Lord, the LORD of hosts, doth
 take away from Jerusalem and from Judah the
 stay and the staff, the whole stay of bread, and
 the whole stay of water, ² the mighty man, and
 the man of war, the judge, and the prophet, and
 the prudent, and the ancient, ³ the captain of fifty,
 and *the honourable man, and the Heb. a man eminent
in countenance.
 counsellor, and the cunning artificer, and the
 *eloquent orator. ⁴ And I will give chil- Or, skilful
of speech.
 dren *to be* their princes, and babes shall rule over

them. ⁵ And the people shall be oppressed, every one by another, and every one by his neighbour: the child shall behave himself proudly against the ancient, and the base against the honourable.

⁶ When a man shall take hold of his brother of the house of his father, *saying*, Thou hast clothing, be thou our ruler, and *let this ruin be* under thy hand: ⁷ in that day shall he *swear, saying, ^{Heb. lift up the hand.}

I will not be an *healer; for in my house ^{Heb. binder up.} *is* neither bread nor clothing: make me not a ruler of the people. ⁸ For Jerusalem is ruined, and Judah is fallen: because their tongue and their doings *are* against the LORD, to provoke the eyes of his glory. ⁹ The shew of their countenance doth witness against them; and they declare their sin as Sodom, they hide *it* not. Woe unto their soul! for they have rewarded evil unto themselves.

¹⁰ Say ye to the righteous, that *it shall be well with him*: for they shall eat the fruit of their doings. ¹¹ Woe unto the wicked! *it shall be ill with him*: for the reward of his hands shall be

*given him. ¹² *As for* my people, children ^{Heb. done to him.} *are* their oppressors, and women rule over them.

O my people, *they which lead thee ^{Heb. they which call thee blessed.} cause *thee* to err, and *destroy the way ^{Heb. swallow up.} of thy paths.

¹³ The LORD standeth up to plead, and standeth to judge the people. ¹⁴ The LORD will enter into judgment with the ancients of his people, and the princes thereof: for ye have *eaten up the

vineyard; the spoil of the poor *is* in your houses. ¹⁵ What mean ye *that* ye beat my people to pieces, and grind the faces of the poor? saith the Lord God of hosts.

¹⁶ Moreover the LORD saith, Because the daughters of

Zion are haughty, and walk with stretched forth necks and *wanton eyes, walking and ^{Heb. deceiving with their eyes.} *mincing *as* they go, and making a tinkling ^{Or, tripping nicely.} with their feet: ¹⁷ therefore the LORD will smite with a scab the crown of the head of the daughters of Zion, and the LORD will *discover their ^{Heb. make naked.} secret parts. ¹⁸ In that day the LORD will take away the bravery of *their* tinkling ornaments *about their feet*, and *their* *cauls, and *their* round ^{Or, networks.} tires like the moon, ¹⁹ the *chains, and the ^{Or, sweet bells.} bracelets, and the *mufflers, ²⁰ the bonnets, ^{Or, spangled ornaments.} and the ornaments of the legs, and the headbands, and the *tablets, and the earrings, ²¹ the ^{Heb. houses of the soul.} rings, and nose jewels, ²² the changeable suits of apparel, and the mantles, and the wimples, and the crisping pins, ²³ the glasses, and the fine linen, and the hoods, and the vails. ²⁴ And it shall come to pass, *that* instead of sweet smell there shall be stink; and instead of a girdle a rent; and instead of well set hair baldness; and instead of a stomacher a girding of sackcloth; *and* burning instead of beauty. ²⁵ Thy men shall fall by the sword, and thy *mighty in the war. ²⁶ And ^{Heb. might.} her gates shall lament and mourn; and she *being* *desolate shall sit upon the ground. ^{Or, emptied.} ^{Heb. cleansed.}

IV. And in that day seven women shall take hold of one man, saying, We will eat our own bread, and wear our own apparel: only *let us ^{Heb. let thy name be called upon us.} be called by thy name, *to take away our ^{Or, take thou away.} reproach.

² In that day shall the branch of the LORD be *beautiful and glorious, and the fruit of the earth ^{Heb. beauty and glory.} shall be excellent and comely *for them ^{Heb. for the escaping of Israel.} that are escaped of Israel. ³ And it shall come to pass, *that he that is* left in Zion, and *he that* remaineth

in Jerusalem, shall be called holy, *even* every one that is written *among the living in Jeru- Or, to life. salem: ⁴when the LORD shall have washed away the filth of the daughters of Zion, and shall have purged the blood of Jerusalem from the midst thereof by the spirit of judgment, and by the spirit of burning. ⁵And the LORD will create upon every dwelling place of mount Zion, and upon her assemblies, a cloud and smoke by day, and the shining of a flaming fire by night: for *upon Or, above. all the glory *shall be* *a defence. ⁶And Heb. a covering. there shall be a tabernacle for a shadow in the daytime from the heat, and for a place of refuge, and for a covert from storm and from rain.

V. Now will I sing to my wellbeloved a song of my beloved touching his vineyard. My wellbeloved hath a vineyard in *a very fruitful hill: Heb. the horn of the son of oil. ²and he *fenced it, and gathered out the Or, made a wall about it. stones thereof, and planted it with the choicest vine, and built a tower in the midst of it, and also *made a winepress therein: and he looked Heb. hewed. that it should bring forth grapes, and it brought forth wild grapes.

³And now, O inhabitants of Jerusalem, and men of Judah, judge, I pray you, betwixt me and my vineyard. ⁴What could have been done more to my vineyard, that I have not done in it? wherefore, when I looked that it should bring forth grapes, brought it forth wild grapes? ⁵And now go to; I will tell you what I will do to my vineyard: I will take away the hedge thereof, and it shall be eaten up; *and* break down the wall thereof, and it shall be *trodden down: ⁶and I will lay Heb. for a treading. it waste: it shall not be pruned, nor digged; but there shall come up briers and thorns: I will also

command the clouds that they rain no rain upon it.

⁷ For the vineyard of the LORD of hosts *is* the house of Israel, and the men of Judah **his* ^{Heb. *plant of his pleasures.*} pleasant plant: and he looked for judgment, but behold **oppression*; for righteousness, but ^{Heb. *a scab.*} behold a cry.

⁸ Woe unto them that join house to house, *that* lay field to field, till *there be* no place, that **they* ^{Heb. *ye.*} may be placed alone in the midst of the earth!

⁹ **In mine ears said* the LORD of ^{Or, *This is in mine ears, saith the LORD, &c.*} hosts, **Of a truth many houses shall be* ^{Heb. *If not, &c.*} desolate, *even* great and fair, without inhabitant.

¹⁰ Yea, ten acres of vineyard shall yield one bath, and the seed of an homer shall yield an ephah.

¹¹ Woe unto them that rise up early in the morning, *that* they may follow strong drink; that continue until night, *till* wine **inflame* them! ¹² And ^{Or, *pursue them.*} the harp, and the viol, the tabret, and pipe, and wine are in their feasts: but they regard not the work of the LORD, neither consider the operation of his hands.

¹³ Therefore my people are gone into captivity, because *they have* no knowledge: and **their* ^{Heb. *their glory are men of famine.*} honourable men *are* famished, and their multitude dried up with thirst. ¹⁴ Therefore hell hath enlarged herself, and opened her mouth without measure: and their glory, and their multitude, and their pomp, and he that rejoiceth, shall descend into it. ¹⁵ And the mean man shall be brought down, and the mighty man shall be humbled, and the eyes of the lofty shall be humbled: ¹⁶ but the LORD of hosts shall be exalted in judgment, and **God* <sup>Or, *the holy God.*
Heb. *the God the holy.*</sup> that is holy shall be sanctified in righteousness.

¹⁷ Then shall the lambs feed after their manner,

and the waste places of the fat ones shall strangers eat.

¹⁸ Woe unto them that draw iniquity with cords of vanity, and sin as it were with a cart rope :

¹⁹ that say, Let him make speed, *and* hasten his work, that we may see *it* : and let the counsel of the Holy One of Israel draw nigh and come, that we may know *it* ! ²⁰ Woe unto them

*that call evil good, and good evil ; Heb. that say concerning evil, It is good, &c. that put darkness for light, and light for darkness ; that put bitter for sweet, and sweet for bitter !

²¹ Woe unto *them that are* wise in their own eyes, and prudent *in their own sight ! ²² Woe Heb. before their face. unto *them that are* mighty to drink wine, and men of strength to mingle strong drink : ²³ which justify the wicked for reward, and take away the righteousness of the righteous from him !

²⁴ Therefore as *the fire devoureth the stub- Heb. the tongue of fire. ble, and the flame consumeth the chaff, *so* their root shall be as rottenness, and their blossom shall go up as dust : because they have cast away the law of the LORD of hosts, and despised the word of the Holy One of Israel. ²⁵ Therefore is the anger of the LORD kindled against his people, and he hath stretched forth his hand against them, and hath smitten them : and the hills did tremble, and their carcases *were* *torn in the midst of Or, as dung. the streets. For all this his anger is not turned away, but his hand *is* stretched out still.

²⁶ And he will lift up an ensign to the nations from far, and will hiss unto them from the end of the earth : and, behold, they shall come with speed swiftly :

²⁷ none shall be weary nor stumble among them ; none shall slumber nor sleep ; neither shall the girdle of their loins be loosed, nor the latchet of

their shoes be broken: ²⁸whose arrows *are* sharp, and all their bows bent, their horses' hoofs shall be counted like flint, and their wheels like a whirlwind: ²⁹their roaring *shall be* like a lion, they shall roar like young lions: yea, they shall roar, and lay hold of the prey, and shall carry *it* away safe, and none shall deliver *it*. ³⁰And in that day they shall roar against them like the roaring of the sea: and if *one* look unto the land, behold darkness *and* *sorrow, *and the light is darkened in the heavens thereof.

Or, distress. Or, when it is light, it shall be dark in the destructions thereof.

VI. In the year that king Uzziah died I saw also the Lord sitting upon a throne, high and lifted up, and *his train filled the temple. ²Above it stood ^{Or, the skirts thereof.} the seraphims: each one had six wings; with twain he covered his face, and with twain he covered his feet, and with twain he did fly. ³And *one cried ^{Heb. this cried to this.} unto another, and said, Holy, holy, holy, is the LORD of hosts: *the whole earth *is* full of his ^{Heb. his glory is the fulness of the whole earth.} glory. ⁴And the posts of the *door moved at ^{Heb. thresholds.} the voice of him that cried, and the house was filled with smoke.

⁵Then said I, Woe *is* me! for I am *undone; ^{Heb. cut off.} because I *am* a man of unclean lips, and I dwell in the midst of a people of unclean lips: for mine eyes have seen the King, the LORD of hosts. ⁶Then flew one of the seraphims unto me, *having a live coal ^{Heb. and in his hand a live coal.} in his hand, *which* he had taken with the tongs from off the altar: ⁷and he *laid *it* upon my mouth, ^{Heb. caused it to touch.} and said, Lo, this hath touched thy lips; and thine iniquity is taken away, and thy sin purged.

⁸Also I heard the voice of the Lord, saying, Whom shall I send, and who will go for us? Then said I, *Here *am* I; send me. ⁹And he said, Go, ^{Heb. Behold me.} and tell this people,

Hear ye *indeed, but understand not; Or, without ceasing, &c. Heb. hear ye in hearing, &c.
 and see ye *indeed, but perceive not. ¹⁰ Make Heb. in seeing.
 the heart of this people fat, and make their ears heavy, and shut their eyes; lest they see with their eyes, and hear with their ears, and understand with their heart, and convert, and be healed. ¹¹ Then said I, Lord, how long? And he answered, Until the cities be wasted without inhabitant, and the houses without man, and the land be *utterly Heb. desolate with desolation.
 desolate, ¹² and the LORD have removed men far away, and *there be* a great forsaking in the midst of the land. ¹³ But yet in it *shall be* a tenth, *and *it* shall return, and shall be Or, when it is returned, and hath been broused.
 eaten: as a teil tree, and as an oak, whose *substance *is* in them, when they cast *their* Or, stock, or, stem.
leaves: so the holy seed *shall be* the substance thereof.

VII. AND it came to pass in the days of Ahaz the son of Jotham, the son of Uzziah, king of Judah, *that* Rezin the king of Syria, and Pekah the son of Remaliah, king of Israel, went up toward Jerusalem to war against it, but could not prevail against it. ² And it was told the house of David, saying, Syria *is Heb. resteth on Ephraim.
 confederate with Ephraim. And his heart was moved, and the heart of his people, as the trees of the wood are moved with the wind.

³ Then said the LORD unto Isaiah, Go forth now to meet Ahaz, thou, and *Shear-jashub thy That is, The remnant shall return.
 son, at the end of the conduit of the upper pool in the *highway of the fuller's field; ⁴ and say unto him, Or, cause-way.
 Take heed, and be quiet; fear not, *neither Heb. let not thy heart be tender.
 be fainthearted for the two tails of these smoking firebrands, for the fierce anger of Rezin with Syria, and of the son of Remaliah. ⁵ Because Syria, Ephraim, and the son of Remaliah, have taken evil counsel against

thee, saying, ⁶ Let us go up against Judah, and
 *vex it, and let us make a breach therein for us, *Or, weaken.*
 and set a king in the midst of it, *even* the son of
 Tabeal: ⁷ Thus saith the Lord God,

It shall not stand, neither shall it come to pass. ⁸ For
 the head of Syria *is* Damascus, and the head of
 Damascus *is* Rezin; and within threescore and five
 years shall Ephraim be broken, *that it be <sup>Heb. from
a people.</sup>
 not a people. ⁹ And the head of Ephraim *is* Sa-
 maria, and the head of Samaria *is* Remaliah's son.
 * If ye will not believe, surely ye <sup>Or, Do ye not believe? it is
because ye are not stable.</sup>
 shall not be established.

¹⁰ * Moreover the LORD spake again unto <sup>Heb. And the LORD
added to speak.</sup>
 Ahaz, saying, ¹¹ Ask thee a sign of the LORD thy
 God; *ask it either in the depth, or in the <sup>Or, make thy
petition deep.</sup>
 height above. ¹² But Ahaz said, I will not ask,
 neither will I tempt the LORD. ¹³ And he said,
 Hear ye now, O house of David; *Is it* a small thing
 for you to weary men, but will ye weary my God
 also? ¹⁴ Therefore the Lord himself shall give you
 a sign; Behold, a virgin shall conceive, and bear a
 son, and *shall call his name Immanuel. <sup>Or, thou, O Virgin,
shalt call.</sup>
¹⁵ Butter and honey shall he eat, that he may know
 to refuse the evil and choose the good. ¹⁶ For before
 the child shall know to refuse the evil, and choose
 the good, the land that thou abhorrest shall be
 forsaken of both her kings.

¹⁷ The LORD shall bring upon thee, and upon thy peo-
 ple, and upon thy father's house, days that have
 not come, from the day that Ephraim departed
 from Judah; *even* the king of Assyria. ¹⁸ And it
 shall come to pass in that day, *that* the LORD shall
 hiss for the fly that *is* in the uttermost part of the
 rivers of Egypt, and for the bee that *is* in the land
 of Assyria. ¹⁹ And they shall come, and shall rest

all of them in the desolate valleys, and in the holes of the rocks, and upon all thorns, and upon all *bushes. ²⁰In the same day shall the Lord ^{Or, commendable trees.} shave with a razor that is hired, *namely*, by them beyond the river, by the king of Assyria, the head, and the hair of the feet: and it shall also consume the beard.

²¹And it shall come to pass in that day, *that* a man shall nourish a young cow, and two sheep; ²²and it shall come to pass, for the abundance of milk *that* they shall give, that he shall eat butter: for butter and honey shall every one eat that is left ^{in the land.} ²³And it shall come to pass ^{Heb. in the midst of the land.} in that day, *that* every place shall be, where there were a thousand vines at a thousand silverlings, it shall *even* be for briers and thorns. ²⁴With arrows and with bows shall *men* come thither; because all the land shall become briers and thorns. ²⁵And *on* all hills that shall be digged with the mattock, there shall not come thither the fear of briers and thorns: but it shall be for the sending forth of oxen, and for the treading of lesser cattle.

VIII. Moreover the LORD said unto me, Take thee a great roll, and write in it with a man's pen concerning *Maher-shalal-hash-baz. ²And I took ^{Heb. In making speed to the spoil he hasteneth the prey, or, Make speed, &c.} unto me faithful witnesses to record, Uriah the priest, and Zechariah the son of Jeberechiah. ³And I *went unto the prophetess; ^{Heb. approached unto.} and she conceived, and bare a son. Then said the LORD to me, Call his name Maher-shalal-hash-baz. ⁴For before the child shall have knowledge to cry, My father, and my mother, *the riches of Damascus and the spoil of Samaria shall ^{Or, he that is before the king of Assyria shall take away the riches, &c.} be taken away before the king of Assyria.

⁵ The LORD spake also unto me again, saying, ⁶ Forasmuch as this people refuseth the waters of Shiloah that go softly, and rejoice in Rezin and Remaliah's son; ⁷ now therefore, behold, the Lord bringeth up upon them the waters of the river, strong and many, *even* the king of Assyria, and all his glory: and he shall come up over all his channels, and go over all his banks: ⁸ and he shall pass through Judah; he shall overflow and go over, he shall reach *even* to the neck; and * the stretching out of his wings shall fill the breadth of thy land, O Immanuel. Heb. the fulness of the breadth of thy land shall be the stretchings out of his wings.

⁹ Associate yourselves, O ye people, * and ye shall be broken in pieces; and give ear, all ye of far countries: gird yourselves, and ye shall be broken in pieces; gird yourselves, and ye shall be broken in pieces. ¹⁰ Take counsel together, and it shall come to nought; speak the word, and it shall not stand: for God *is* with us.

¹¹ For the LORD spake thus to me * with a Heb. in strength of hand. strong hand, and instructed me that I should not walk in the way of this people, saying, ¹² Say ye not, A confederacy, to all *them to* whom this people shall say, A confederacy; neither fear ye their fear, nor be afraid. ¹³ Sanctify the LORD of hosts himself; and *let him be* your fear, and *let him be* your dread. ¹⁴ And he shall be for a sanctuary; but for a stone of stumbling and for a rock of offence to both the houses of Israel, for a gin and for a snare to the inhabitants of Jerusalem. ¹⁵ And many among them shall stumble, and fall, and be broken, and be snared, and be taken. ¹⁶ Bind up the testimony, seal the law among my disciples. ¹⁷ And I will wait upon the LORD, that hideth his face from the house of Jacob, and I will look for him.

¹⁸ Behold, I and the children whom the LORD hath given me *are* for signs and for wonders in Israel from the LORD of hosts, which dwelleth in mount Zion.

¹⁹ And when they shall say unto you, Seek unto them that have familiar spirits, and unto wizards that peep, and that mutter: should not a people seek unto their God? for the living to the dead? ²⁰ To the law and to the testimony: if they speak not according to this word, *it is* because *there is* *no light in them. ²¹ And they shall pass ^{Heb. no morning.} through it, hardly bestead and hungry: and it shall come to pass, that when they shall be hungry, they shall fret themselves, and curse their king and their God, and look upward. ²² And they shall look unto the earth; and behold trouble and darkness, dimness of anguish; and *they shall be* driven to darkness.

IX. Nevertheless the dimness *shall* not *be* such as *was* in her vexation, when at the first he lightly afflicted the land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali, and afterward did more grievously afflict *her* by the way of the sea, beyond Jordan, in *Galilee of the nations. ^{Or, Galilee the populous.}

² The people that walked in darkness have seen a great light: they that dwell in the land of the shadow of death, upon them hath the light shined.

³ Thou hast multiplied the nation, *and* *not ^{Or, to him.} increased the joy: they joy before thee according to the joy in harvest, *and* as *men* rejoice when they divide the spoil. ^{Or, When thou brakest.} ⁴ *For thou hast

broken the yoke of his burden, and the staff of his shoulder, the rod of his oppressor, as in the day of Midian. ^{Or, When the whole battle of the warrior was, &c.} ⁵ *For every battle of the warrior *is* with confused noise, and gar-

ments rolled in blood; *but *this* shall be Or, and it was, &c.
with burning *and* *fuel of fire. Heb. meat.

⁶ For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given: and the government shall be upon his shoulder: and his name shall be called Wonderful, Counsellor, The mighty God, the everlasting Father, The Prince of Peace. ⁷ Of the increase of *his* government and peace *there shall be* no end, upon the throne of David, and upon his kingdom, to order it, and to establish it with judgment and with justice from henceforth even for ever. The zeal of the LORD of hosts will perform this.

⁸ THE LORD sent a word into Jacob, and it hath lighted upon Israel. ⁹ And all the people shall know, *even* Ephraim and the inhabitants of Samaria, that say in the pride and stoutness of heart, ¹⁰ The bricks are fallen down, but we will build with hewn stones: the sycamores are cut down, but we will change *them into* cedars. ¹¹ Therefore the LORD shall set up the adversaries of Rezin against him, and *join his enemies together; ¹² the Heb. mingle. Syrians before, and the Philistines behind; and they shall devour Israel *with open mouth. Heb. with whole mouth. For all this his anger is not turned away, but his hand *is* stretched out still. ¹³ For the people turneth not unto him that smiteth them, neither do they seek the LORD of hosts. ¹⁴ Therefore the LORD will cut off from Israel head and tail, branch and rush, in one day. ¹⁵ The ancient and honourable, he *is* the head: and the prophet that teacheth lies, he *is* the tail. ¹⁶ For *the leaders of Or, they that call them blessed. this people cause *them* to err; and **they* Or, they that are called blessed of them. *that are* led of them *are* *destroyed. Heb. swallowed up.

¹⁷ Therefore the LORD shall have no joy in their young men, neither shall have mercy on their

fatherless and widows: for every one *is* an hypocrite and an evildoer, and every mouth speaketh *folly. For all this his anger is not turned Or, villany. away, but his hand *is* stretched out still.

¹⁸ For wickedness burneth as the fire: it shall devour the briers and thorns, and shall kindle in the thickets of the forest, and they shall mount up *like* the lifting up of smoke. ¹⁹ Through the wrath of the LORD of hosts is the land darkened, and the people shall be as the *fuel of the fire: no Heb. meat. man shall spare his brother. ²⁰ And he shall *snatch on the right hand, and be hungry; and he Heb. cut. shall eat on the left hand, and they shall not be satisfied: they shall eat every man the flesh of his own arm: ²¹ Manasseh, Ephraim; and Ephraim, Manasseh: *and* they together *shall be* against Judah. For all this his anger is not turned away, but his hand *is* stretched out still.

X. Woe unto them that decree unrighteous decrees, and *that write grievousness *which* Or, to the writers that write grievousness. they have prescribed; ² to turn aside the needy from judgment, and to take away the right from the poor of my people, that widows may be their prey, and *that* they may rob the fatherless! ³ And what will ye do in the day of visitation, and in the desolation *which* shall come from far? to whom will ye flee for help? and where will ye leave your glory? ⁴ Without me they shall bow down under the prisoners, and they shall fall under the slain. For all this his anger is not turned away, but his hand *is* stretched out still.

⁵ * O * Assyrian, the rod of mine anger, Or, Woe to the Assyrian. Heb. Asshur. *and the staff in their hand is 'mine indig- Or, though. nation. ⁶ I will send him against an hypocritical nation, and against the people of my wrath will I

give him a charge, to take the spoil, and to take the prey, and *to tread them down like ^{Heb. to lay them a treading.} the mire of the streets. ⁷ Howbeit he meaneth not so, neither doth his heart think so; but *it is* in his heart to destroy and cut off nations not a few. ⁸ For he saith, *Are not my princes altogether kings?* ⁹ *Is not Calno as Carchemish? is not Hamath as Arpad? is not Samaria as Damascus?* ¹⁰ As my hand hath found the kingdoms of the idols, and whose graven images did excel them of Jerusalem and of Samaria; ¹¹ shall I not, as I have done unto Samaria and her idols, so do to Jerusalem and her idols?

¹² Wherefore it shall come to pass, *that* when the Lord hath performed his whole work upon mount Zion and on Jerusalem, I will *punish the fruit ^{Heb. visit upon.} *of the stout heart of the king of Assyria, and the glory of his high looks. ¹³ For he saith, By the strength of my hand I have done *it*, and by my wisdom; for I am prudent: and I have removed the bounds of the people, and have robbed their treasures, and I have put down the inhabitants *like a valiant *man*: ¹⁴ and my hand ^{Or, like many people.} hath found as a nest the riches of the people: and as one gathereth eggs *that are* left, have I gathered all the earth; and there was none that moved the wing, or opened the mouth, or peeped. ¹⁵ Shall the ax boast itself against him that heweth therewith? *or* shall the saw magnify itself against him that shaketh it? *as if the rod should ^{Or, as if a rod should shake them that lift it up.} shake *itself* against them that lift it up, *or* as if the staff should lift up **itself as if it were* no ^{Or, that which is not wood.} wood. ¹⁶ Therefore shall the Lord, the Lord of hosts, send among his fat ones leanness; and under his glory he shall kindle a burning like the burning

of a fire. ¹⁷ And the light of Israel shall be for a fire, and his Holy One for a flame: and it shall burn and devour his thorns and his briers in one day; ¹⁸ and shall consume the glory of his forest, and of his fruitful field, *both soul ^{Heb. from the soul, and even to the flesh.} and body: and they shall be as when a standard-bearer fainteth. ¹⁹ And the rest of the trees of his forest shall be *few, that a child may write ^{Heb. number.} them. ²⁰ And it shall come to pass in that day, *that* the remnant of Israel, and such as are escaped of the house of Jacob, shall no more again stay upon him that smote them; but shall stay upon the LORD, the Holy One of Israel, in truth. ²¹ The remnant shall return, *even* the remnant of Jacob, unto the mighty God. ²² For though thy people Israel be as the sand of the sea, *yet* a remnant *of ^{Heb. in, or, among.} them shall return: the consumption decreed shall overflow *with righteousness. ²³ For the Lord ^{Or, in.} God of hosts shall make a consumption, even determined, in the midst of all the land.

²⁴ Therefore thus saith the Lord God of hosts, O my people that dwellest in Zion, be not afraid of the Assyrian: he shall smite thee with a rod, *and shall lift up his staff against thee, ^{Or, but he shall lift up his staff for thee.} after the manner of Egypt. ²⁵ For yet a very little while, and the indignation shall cease, and mine anger in their destruction. ²⁶ And the LORD of hosts shall stir up a scourge for him according to the slaughter of Midian at the rock of Oreb: and *as* his rod *was* upon the sea, so shall he lift it up after the manner of Egypt. ²⁷ And it shall come to pass in that day, *that* his burden *shall ^{Heb. shall remove.} be taken away from off thy shoulder, and his yoke from off thy neck, and the yoke shall be destroyed because of the anointing.

²⁸ He is come to Aiath, he is passed to Migron; at Michmash he hath laid up his carriages: ²⁹ they are gone over the passage: they have taken up their lodging at Geba; Ramah is afraid; Gibeah of Saul is fled. ³⁰ * Lift up thy voice, Heb. Cry shrill with thy voice. O daughter of Gallim: cause it to be heard unto Laish, O poor Anathoth. ³¹ Madmenah is removed; the inhabitants of Gebim gather themselves to flee. ³² As yet shall he remain at Nob that day: he shall shake his hand *against* the mount of the daughter of Zion, the hill of Jerusalem.

³³ Behold, the Lord, the LORD of hosts, shall lop the bough with terror: and the high ones of stature *shall be* hewn down, and the haughty shall be humbled. ³⁴ And he shall cut down the thickets of the forest with iron, and Lebanon shall fall *by a mighty one. Or, mightily.

XI. AND there shall come forth a rod out of the stem of Jesse, and a Branch shall grow out of his roots: ² and the Spirit of the LORD shall rest upon him, the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and of the fear of the LORD; ³ and shall make him of quick *understanding in the fear of the Heb. scent, or, smell. LORD: and he shall not judge after the sight of his eyes, neither reprove after the hearing of his ears: ⁴ but with righteousness shall he judge the poor, and *reprove with equity for the meek Or, argue. of the earth: and he shall smite the earth with the rod of his mouth, and with the breath of his lips shall he slay the wicked. ⁵ And righteousness shall be the girdle of his loins, and faithfulness the girdle of his reins.

⁶ The wolf also shall dwell with the lamb, and the leopard shall lie down with the kid; and the calf

and the young lion and the fatling together; and a little child shall lead them. ⁷And the cow and the bear shall feed; their young ones shall lie down together: and the lion shall eat straw like the ox. ⁸And the sucking child shall play on the hole of the asp, and the weaned child shall put his hand on the *cockatrice' den. ⁹They shall not *Or, adder's.* hurt nor destroy in all my holy mountain; for the earth shall be full of the knowledge of the LORD, as the waters cover the sea.

¹⁰And in that day there shall be a root of Jesse, which shall stand for an ensign of the people; to it shall the Gentiles seek: and his rest shall be *glorious.

¹¹And it shall come to pass in that day, *that* the *Heb. glory.* LORD shall set his hand again the second time to recover the remnant of his people, which shall be left, from Assyria, and from Egypt, and from Pathros, and from Cush, and from Elam, and from Shinar, and from Hamath, and from the islands of the sea. ¹²And he shall set up an ensign for the nations, and shall assemble the outcasts of Israel, and gather together the dispersed of Judah from the four *corners of the earth. ¹³The envy *Heb. wings.* also of Ephraim shall depart, and the adversaries of Judah shall be cut off: Ephraim shall not envy Judah, and Judah shall not vex Ephraim. ¹⁴But they shall fly upon the shoulders of the Philistines toward the west; they shall spoil *them *Heb. the children of the east.* of the east together: *they shall *Heb. Edom and Moab shall be the laying on of their hand.* lay their hand upon Edom and Moab: *and the children of Ammon shall obey them. *Heb. the children of Ammon their obedience.* ¹⁵And the LORD shall utterly destroy the tongue of the Egyptian sea; and with his mighty wind shall he shake his hand over the river, and shall smite it in the seven streams, and make *men* go

over *dryshod. ¹⁶ And there shall be an Heb. in shoes. highway for the remnant of his people, which shall be left, from Assyria; like as it was to Israel in the day that he came up out of the land of Egypt.

XII. And in that day thou shalt say, O LORD, I will praise thee: though thou wast angry with me, thine anger is turned away, and thou comfortedst me. ² Behold, God *is* my salvation; I will trust, and not be afraid: for the LORD JEHOVAH *is* my strength and *my* song; he also is become my salvation. ³ Therefore with joy shall ye draw water out of the wells of salvation. ⁴ And in that day shall ye say, Praise the LORD, *call upon Or, proclaim his name. his name, declare his doings among the people, make mention that his name is exalted. ⁵ Sing unto the LORD; for he hath done excellent things; this *is* known in all the earth. ⁶ Cry out and shout, thou *inhabitant of Zion: for great *is* the Heb. inhabitress. Holy One of Israel in the midst of thee.

XIII. THE burden of Babylon, which Isaiah the son of Amoz did see.

² Lift ye up a banner upon the high mountain, exalt the voice unto them, shake the hand, that they may go into the gates of the nobles. ³ I have commanded my sanctified ones, I have also called my mighty ones for mine anger, *even* them that rejoice in my highness. ⁴ The noise of a multitude in the mountains, *like as of a great Heb. the likeness of. people; a tumultuous noise of the kingdoms of nations gathered together: the LORD of hosts mustereth the host of the battle. ⁵ They come from a far country, from the end of heaven, *even* the LORD, and the weapons of his indignation, to destroy the whole land.

- ⁶ Howl ye, for the day of the LORD *is* at hand; it shall come as a destruction from the Almighty. ⁷ Therefore shall all hands ^{*}be faint, and every Or, *fall down.* man's heart shall melt: ⁸ and they shall be afraid: pangs and sorrows shall take hold of them; they shall be in pain as a woman that travaileth: they shall ^{*}be amazed one at another; Heb. *wonder every man at his neighbour.* their faces *shall be as* ^{*}flames. Heb. *faces of the flames.*
- ⁹ Behold, the day of the LORD cometh, cruel both with wrath and fierce anger, to lay the land desolate: and he shall destroy the sinners thereof out of it.
- ¹⁰ For the stars of heaven and the constellations thereof shall not give their light: the sun shall be darkened in his going forth, and the moon shall not cause her light to shine. ¹¹ And I will punish the world for *their* evil, and the wicked for their iniquity; and I will cause the arrogance of the proud to cease, and will lay low the haughtiness of the terrible. ¹² I will make a man more precious than fine gold; even a man than the golden wedge of Ophir.
- ¹³ Therefore I will shake the heavens, and the earth shall remove out of her place, in the wrath of the LORD of hosts, and in the day of his fierce anger.
- ¹⁴ And it shall be as the chased roe, and as a sheep that no man taketh up: they shall every man turn to his own people, and flee every one into his own land. ¹⁵ Every one that is found shall be thrust through; and every one that is joined *unto them* shall fall by the sword. ¹⁶ Their children also shall be dashed to pieces before their eyes; their houses shall be spoiled, and their wives ravished.
- ¹⁷ Behold, I will stir up the Medes against them, which shall not regard silver; and *as for* gold, they shall not delight in it. ¹⁸ *Their* bows also shall dash the

young men to pieces; and they shall have no pity on the fruit of the womb; their eye shall not spare children. ¹⁹ And Babylon, the glory of kingdoms, the beauty of the Chaldees' excellency, shall be *as when God overthrew Sodom and ^{Heb. as the over-throwing.} Gomorrah. ²⁰ It shall never be inhabited, neither shall it be dwelt in from generation to generation: neither shall the Arabian pitch tent there; neither shall the shepherds make their fold there. ²¹ But *wild beasts of the desert shall lie there; ^{Heb. Zim.} and their houses shall be full of *doleful ^{Heb. Ochim.} creatures: and *owls shall dwell there, ^{Or, ostriches. Heb. daughters of the owl.} and satyrs shall dance there. ²² And *the ^{Heb. Iim.} wild beasts of the island shall cry in their *desolate houses, and dragons in *their* pleasant pa- ^{Or, palaces.} laces: and her time *is* near to come, and her days shall not be prolonged.

XIV. For the LORD will have mercy on Jacob, and will yet choose Israel, and set them in their own land: and the strangers shall be joined with them, and they shall cleave to the house of Jacob. ² And the people shall take them and bring them to their place: and the house of Israel shall possess them in the land of the LORD for servants and handmaids: and they shall take them captives, *whose captives they were; and they shall rule ^{Heb. that had taken them captives.} over their oppressors.

³ And it shall come to pass in the day that the LORD shall give thee rest from thy sorrow, and from thy fear, and from the hard bondage wherein thou wast made to serve, ⁴ that thou shalt take up this *proverb against the king of Babylon, ^{Or, taunting speech.} and say, How hath the oppressor ceased! the *golden city ceased! ⁵ The LORD hath ^{Or, exactress of gold.} broken the staff of the wicked, *and* the sceptre of

the rulers. ⁶ He who smote the people in wrath with ^{*}a continual stroke, he that ruled ^{Heb. a stroke without removing.} the nations in anger, is persecuted, *and* none hindereth. ⁷ The whole earth is at rest, *and* is quiet: they break forth into singing. ⁸ Yea, the fir trees rejoice at thee, *and* the cedars of Lebanon, *saying*, Since thou art laid down, no feller is come up against us. ⁹ ^{*}Hell from beneath is moved ^{Or, The grave.} for thee to meet *thee* at thy coming: it stirreth up the dead for thee, *even* all the ^{*}chief ones ^{Heb. leaders. Or, great goats.} of the earth; it hath raised up from their thrones all the kings of the nations. ¹⁰ All they shall speak and say unto thee, Art thou also become weak as we? art thou become like unto us? ¹¹ Thy pomp is brought down to the grave, *and* the noise of thy viols: the worm is spread under thee, and the worms cover thee.

¹² How art thou fallen from heaven, ^{*}O Lucifer, ^{Or, O day star.} son of the morning! *how* art thou cut down to the ground, which didst weaken the nations! ¹³ For thou hast said in thine heart, I will ascend into heaven, I will exalt my throne above the stars of God: I will sit also upon the mount of the congregation, in the sides of the north: ¹⁴ I will ascend above the heights of the clouds; I will be like the most High. ¹⁵ Yet thou shalt be brought down to hell, to the sides of the pit. ¹⁶ They that see thee shall narrowly look upon thee, *and* consider thee, *saying*, *Is this the man that made the earth to tremble, that did shake kingdoms: 17 that made the world as a wilderness, and destroyed the cities thereof; that* ^{*}opened not the house ^{Or, did not let his prisoners loose homewards.} of his prisoners? ¹⁸ All the kings of the nations, *even* all of them, lie in glory, every one in his own house. ¹⁹ But thou art cast out of thy grave like

an abominable branch, *and as* the raiment of those that are slain, thrust through with a sword, that go down to the stones of the pit; as a carcase trodden under feet. ²⁰ Thou shalt not be joined with them in burial, because thou hast destroyed thy land, *and* slain thy people: the seed of evildoers shall never be renowned.

²¹ Prepare slaughter for his children for the iniquity of their fathers; that they do not rise, nor possess the land, nor fill the face of the world with cities.

²² For I will rise up against them, saith the LORD of hosts, and cut off from Babylon the name, and remnant, and son, and nephew, saith the LORD.

²³ I will also make it a possession for the bittern, and pools of water: and I will sweep it with the besom of destruction, saith the LORD of hosts.

²⁴ The LORD of hosts hath sworn, saying, Surely as I have thought, so shall it come to pass; and as I have purposed, so shall it stand: ²⁵ that I will break the Assyrian in my land, and upon my mountains tread him under foot: then shall his yoke depart from off them, and his burden depart from off their shoulders. ²⁶ This *is* the purpose that is purposed upon the whole earth: and this *is* the hand that is stretched out upon all the nations. ²⁷ For the LORD of hosts hath purposed, and who shall disannul *it*? and his hand *is* stretched out, and who shall turn it back?

²⁸ In the year that king Ahaz died was this burden.

²⁹ Rejoice not thou, whole Palestina, because the rod of him that smote thee is broken: for out of the serpent's root shall come forth a *cockatrice, *Or, adder.* and his fruit *shall be* a fiery flying serpent. ³⁰ And the firstborn of the poor shall feed, and the needy

shall lie down in safety: and I will kill thy root with famine, and he shall slay thy remnant.

³¹ Howl, O gate; cry, O city; thou, whole Palestina, *art* dissolved: for there shall come from the north a smoke, and * none *shall be* alone Or, he shall not be alone.

in his *appointed times. ³² What shall *one* Or, assemblies. then answer the messengers of the nation? That the LORD hath founded Zion, and the poor of his people shall *trust in it. Or, betake themselves unto it.

XV. THE burden of Moab.

Because in the night Ar of Moab is laid waste, *and* *brought to silence; because in the night Or, cut off. Kir of Moab is laid waste, *and* brought to silence; ² he is gone up to Bajith, and to Dibon, the high places, to weep: Moab shall howl over Nebo, and over Medeba: on all their heads *shall be* baldness, *and* every beard cut off. ³ In their streets they shall gird themselves with sackcloth: on the tops of their houses, and in their streets, every one shall howl, *weeping abundantly. ⁴ And Hesh- Heb. descending into weeping, or, coming down with weeping. bon shall cry, and Elealeh: their voice shall be heard *even* unto Jahaz: therefore the armed soldiers of Moab shall cry out; his life shall be grievous unto him.

⁵ My heart shall cry out for Moab; *his Or, to the borders thereof, even as an heifer. fugitives *shall flee* unto Zoar, an heifer of three years old: for by the mounting up of Luhith with weeping shall they go it up; for in the way of Horonaim they shall raise up a cry of *de- Heb. breaking. struction. ⁶ For the waters of Nimrim shall be *desolate: for the hay is withered away, Heb. desolations. the grass faileth, there is no green thing. ⁷ Therefore the abundance they have gotten, and that which they have laid up, shall they carry away to

the *brook of the willows. ⁸ For the cry ^{Or, valley of the Arabians.} is gone round about the borders of Moab; the howling thereof unto Eglaim, and the howling thereof unto Beer-elim. ⁹ For the waters of Dimon shall be full of blood: for I will bring *more ^{Heb. additions.} upon Dimon, lions upon him that escapeth of Moab, and upon the remnant of the land.

XVI. Send ye the lamb to the ruler of the land from *Sela to the wilderness, unto the mount of ^{Or, Petra. Heb. a rock.} the daughter of Zion. ² For it shall be, *that*, as a wandering bird *cast out of the nest, *so* the ^{Or, a nest forsaken.} daughters of Moab shall be at the fords of Arnon.

³ *Take counsel, execute judgment; make thy ^{Heb. Bring.} shadow as the night in the midst of the noonday; hide the outcasts; bewray not him that wandereth.

⁴ Let mine outcasts dwell with thee, Moab; be thou a covert to them from the face of the spoiler: for the *extortioner is at an end, the spoiler ^{Heb. wringer.} ceaseth, *the oppressors are consumed out ^{Heb. the treaders down.} of the land.

⁵ And in mercy shall the throne be *established: and he shall sit upon it in ^{Or, prepared.} truth in the tabernacle of David, judging, and seeking judgment, and hasting righteousness.

⁶ We have heard of the pride of Moab; *he is* very proud: *even* of his haughtiness, and his pride, and his wrath: *but* his lies *shall* not be so. ⁷ Therefore shall Moab

howl for Moab, every one shall howl: for the foundations of Kir-hareseth shall ye *mourn; ^{Or, mutter.} surely *they are* stricken. ⁸ For the fields of Heshbon languish, *and* the vine of Sibmah: the lords of the heathen have broken down the principal plants thereof, they are come *even* unto Jazer, they wandered *through* the wilderness: her branches are

*stretched out, they are gone over the sea. ^{Or, plucked up.}

⁹ Therefore I will bewail with the weeping of Jazer the

vine of Sibmah: I will water thee with my tears, O Heshbon, and Elealeh: for *the shout-^{Or, the alarm is fallen upon, &c.} ing for thy summer fruits and for thy harvest is fallen. ¹⁰And gladness is taken away, and joy out

of the plentiful field; and in the vineyards there shall be no singing, neither shall there be shouting: the treaders shall tread out no wine in *their* presses; I have made *their vintage* shouting to cease.

¹¹Wherefore my bowels shall sound like an harp for Moab, and mine inward parts for Kir-haresh.

¹²And it shall come to pass, when it is seen that Moab is weary on the high place, that he shall come to his sanctuary to pray; but he shall not prevail.

¹³This *is* the word that the LORD hath spoken concerning Moab since that time. ¹⁴But now the LORD hath spoken, saying, Within three years, as the years of an hireling, and the glory of Moab shall be contemned, with all that great multitude; and the remnant *shall be* very small *and* *feeble. ^{Or, not many.}

XVII. THE burden of Damascus.

Behold, Damascus is taken away from *being* a city, and it shall be a ruinous heap. ²The cities of Aroer *are* forsaken: they shall be for flocks, which shall lie down, and none shall make *them* afraid. ³The fortress also shall cease from Ephraim, and the kingdom from Damascus, and the remnant of Syria: they shall be as the glory of the children of Israel, saith the LORD of hosts. ⁴And in that day it shall come to pass, *that* the glory of Jacob shall be made thin, and the fatness of his flesh shall wax lean. ⁵And it shall be as when the harvestman gathereth the corn, and reapeth the ears with his arm; and it shall be as he that gathereth ears in the valley of Rephaim. ⁶Yet gleanings grapes shall be left

in it, as the shaking of an olive tree, two *or* three berries in the top of the uppermost bough, four *or* five in the outmost fruitful branches thereof, saith the LORD God of Israel.

⁷ At that day shall a man look to his Maker, and his eyes shall have respect to the Holy One of Israel.

⁸ And he shall not look to the altars, the work of his hands, neither shall respect *that* which his fingers have made, either the groves, or the ^{*}images. ⁹ In that day shall his strong cities be as a *Or, sun images.* forsaken bough, and an uppermost branch, which they left because of the children of Israel: and there shall be desolation.

¹⁰ Because thou hast forgotten the God of thy salvation, and hast not been mindful of the rock of thy strength, therefore shalt thou plant pleasant plants, and shalt set it with strange slips: ¹¹ In the day shalt thou make thy plant to grow, and in the morning shalt thou make thy seed to flourish: *but* the harvest *shall be* ^{*}a heap in the day of *Or, removed in the day of inheritance,* grief and of desperate sorrow. ¹² Woe *and there shall be deadly sorrow.*

to the ^{*}multitude of many people, *which* *Or, noise.* make a noise like the noise of the seas; and to the rushing of nations, *that* make a rushing like the rushing of ^{*}mighty waters! ¹³ The nations *Or, many.* shall rush like the rushing of many waters: but *God* shall rebuke them, and they shall flee far off, and shall be chased as the chaff of the mountains before the wind, and like ^{*}a rolling thing *Or, thistle-down.* before the whirlwind. ¹⁴ And behold at evening-tide trouble; *and* before the morning he *is* not. This *is* the portion of them that spoil us, and the lot of them that rob us.

XVIII. WOE to the land shadowing with wings, which *is* beyond the rivers of Ethiopia: ² that

sendeth ambassadors by the sea, even in vessels of bulrushes upon the waters, *saying*, Go, ye swift messengers, to a nation *scattered and ^{Or, outspread and polished.} peeled, to a people terrible from their beginning hitherto; *a nation meted out ^{Or, a nation that meteth out, and treadeth down. Heb. a nation of line, line, and treading under foot.} and trodden down, *whose land ^{Or, whose land the rivers despise.} the rivers have spoiled! ³ All ye inhabitants of the world, and dwellers on the earth, see ye, when he lifteth up an ensign on the mountains; and when he bloweth a trumpet, hear ye.

⁴ For so the LORD said unto me, I will take my rest, and I will *consider in my dwelling place ^{Or, regard my set dwelling.} like a clear heat *upon herbs, *and* like a ^{Or, after rain.} cloud of dew in the heat of harvest. ⁵ For afore the harvest, when the bud is perfect, and the sour grape is ripening in the flower, he shall both cut off the sprigs with pruning hooks, and take away *and* cut down the branches. ⁶ They shall be left together unto the fowls of the mountains, and to the beasts of the earth: and the fowls shall summer upon them, and all the beasts of the earth shall winter upon them.

⁷ In that time shall the present be brought unto the LORD of hosts of a people *scattered and ^{Or, outspread and polished.} peeled, and from a people terrible from their beginning hitherto; a nation meted out and trodden under foot, whose land the rivers have spoiled, to the place of the name of the LORD of hosts, the mount Zion.

XIX. THE burden of Egypt.

Behold, the LORD rideth upon a swift cloud, and shall come into Egypt: and the idols of Egypt shall be moved at his presence, and the heart of Egypt shall melt in the midst of it. ² And I will

*set the Egyptians against the Egyptians: Heb. mingle. and they shall fight every one against his brother, and every one against his neighbour; city against city, *and* kingdom against kingdom. ³And the spirit of Egypt *shall fail in the midst Heb. shall be emptied. thereof; and I will *destroy the counsel Heb. swallow up. thereof: and they shall seek to the idols, and to the charmers, and to them that have familiar spirits, and to the wizards. ⁴And the Egyptians will I *give over into the hand of a cruel lord; Or, shut up. and a fierce king shall rule over them, saith the Lord, the LORD of hosts.

⁵And the waters shall fail from the sea, and the river shall be wasted and dried up. ⁶And they shall turn the rivers far away; *and* the brooks of defence shall be emptied and dried up: the reeds and flags shall wither. ⁷The paper reeds by the brooks, by the mouth of the brooks, and every thing sown by the brooks, shall wither, be driven away, and *be no *more*. ⁸The fishers also Heb. shall not be. shall mourn, and all they that cast angle into the brooks shall lament, and they that spread nets upon the waters shall languish. ⁹Moreover they that work in fine flax, and they that weave *networks, shall be confounded. ¹⁰And they Or, white works. shall be broken in the *purposes thereof, Heb. foundations. all that make sluices *and* ponds *for fish. Heb. of living things.

¹¹Surely the princes of Zoan *are* fools, the counsel of the wise counsellors of Pharaoh is become brutish: how say ye unto Pharaoh, I *am* the son of the wise, the son of ancient kings? ¹²Where *are* they? where *are* thy wise *men*? and let them tell thee now, and let them know what the LORD of hosts hath purposed upon Egypt. ¹³The princes of Zoan are become fools, the princes of Noph are

deceived; they have also seduced Egypt, *even they that are* the *stay of the tribes thereof. Or, governors.
Heb. corners.

¹⁴ The LORD hath mingled *a perverse Heb. a spirit of
perverseness. spirit in the midst thereof: and they have caused Egypt to err in every work thereof, as a drunken man staggereth in his vomit. ¹⁵ Neither shall there be *any* work for Egypt, which the head or tail, branch or rush, may do. ¹⁶ In that day shall Egypt be like unto women: and it shall be afraid and fear because of the shaking of the hand of the LORD of hosts, which he shaketh over it.

¹⁷ And the land of Judah shall be a terror unto Egypt, every one that maketh mention thereof shall be afraid in himself, because of the counsel of the LORD of hosts, which he hath determined against it.

¹⁸ In that day shall five cities in the land of Egypt speak *the language of Canaan, and swear Heb. the lip. to the LORD of hosts; one shall be called, The city of *destruction. ¹⁹ In that day shall Or, of Heres,
or, of the sun. there be an altar to the LORD in the midst of the land of Egypt, and a pillar at the border thereof to the LORD. ²⁰ And it shall be for a sign and for a witness unto the LORD of hosts in the land of Egypt: for they shall cry unto the LORD because of the oppressors, and he shall send them a saviour, and a great one, and he shall deliver them. ²¹ And the LORD shall be known to Egypt, and the Egyptians shall know the LORD in that day, and shall do sacrifice and oblation; yea, they shall vow a vow unto the LORD, and perform *it*. ²² And the LORD shall smite Egypt: he shall smite and heal *it*: and they shall return *even* to the LORD, and he shall be intreated of them, and shall heal them.

²³ In that day shall there be a highway out of Egypt to Assyria, and the Assyrian shall come into

Egypt, and the Egyptian into Assyria, and the Egyptians shall serve with the Assyrians. ²⁴ In that day shall Israel be the third with Egypt and with Assyria, *even* a blessing in the midst of the land: ²⁵ whom the LORD of hosts shall bless, saying, Blessed *be* Egypt my people, and Assyria the work of my hands, and Israel mine inheritance.

XX. IN the year that Tartan came unto Ashdod, (when Sargon the king of Assyria sent him,) and fought against Ashdod, and took it; ² at the same time spake the LORD *by Isaiah the son of Amoz, ^{Heb. by the hand of Isaiah.} saying, Go and loose the sackcloth from off thy loins, and put off thy shoe from thy foot. And he did so, walking naked and barefoot. ³ And the LORD said, Like as my servant Isaiah hath walked naked and barefoot three years *for* a sign and wonder upon Egypt and upon Ethiopia: ⁴ so shall the king of Assyria lead away *the Egyptians prisoners, and the ^{Heb. the captivity of Egypt.} Ethiopians captives, young and old, naked and barefoot, even with *their* buttocks uncovered, to the *shame of Egypt. ⁵ And they shall be afraid ^{Heb. nakedness.} and ashamed of Ethiopia their expectation, and of Egypt their glory. ⁶ And the inhabitant of this *isle shall say in that day, Behold, such *is* our ^{Or, country.} expectation, whither we flee for help to be delivered from the king of Assyria: and how shall we escape?

XXI. THE burden of the desert of the sea.

As whirlwinds in the south pass through; *so* it cometh from the desert, from a terrible land.

² A *grievous vision is declared unto me; the ^{Heb. hard.} treacherous dealer dealeth treacherously, and the spoiler spoileth. Go up, O Elam: besiege, O Media; all the sighing thereof have I made to

cease. ³ Therefore are my loins filled with pain: pangs have taken hold upon me, as the pangs of a woman that travaileth: I was bowed down at the hearing *of it*; I was dismayed at the seeing *of it*.

⁴ * My heart panted, fearfulness affrighted ^{Or, My mind wandered.} me: the night of my pleasure hath he ^{Heb. put.} * turned into fear unto me. ⁵ Prepare the table, watch in the watchtower, eat, drink: arise, ye princes, *and* anoint the shield.

⁶ For thus hath the LORD said unto me, Go, set a watchman, let him declare what he seeth. ⁷ And he saw a chariot *with* a couple of horsemen, a chariot of asses, *and* a chariot of camels; and he hearkened diligently with much heed: ⁸ and he * cried, A lion: My lord, I stand con- ^{Or, cried as a lion.} tinually upon the watchtower in the daytime, and I am set in my ward * whole nights: ⁹ and, ^{Or, every night.} behold, here cometh a chariot of men, *with* a couple of horsemen. And he answered and said, Babylon is fallen, is fallen; and all the graven images of her gods he hath broken unto the ground.

¹⁰ O my threshing, and the * corn of my floor: ^{Heb. son.} that which I have heard of the LORD of hosts, the God of Israel, have I declared unto you.

¹¹ THE burden of Dumah.

He calleth to me out of Seir, Watchman, what of the night? Watchman, what of the night? ¹² The watchman said, The morning cometh, and also the night: if ye will enquire, enquire ye: return, come.

¹³ THE burden upon Arabia.

In the forest in Arabia shall ye lodge, O ye travelling companies of Dedanim. ¹⁴ The inhabitants of the land of Tema * brought water to him that ^{Or, bring ye.}

was thirsty, they prevented with their bread him that fled. ¹⁵ For they fled ^{Or, for fear.} *from the ^{Heb. from the face.} swords, from the drawn sword, and from the bent bow, and from the grievousness of war. ¹⁶ For thus hath the LORD said unto me, Within a year, according to the years of an hireling, and all the glory of Kedar shall fail: ¹⁷ and the residue of the number of *archers, the mighty men of the ^{Heb. bows.} children of Kedar, shall be diminished: for the LORD God of Israel hath spoken *it*.

XXII. THE burden of the valley of vision.

What aileth thee now, that thou art wholly gone up to the housetops? ² Thou that art full of stirs, a tumultuous city, a joyous city: thy slain *men are* not slain with the sword, nor dead in battle. ³ All thy rulers are fled together, they are bound *by the archers: all that are found in thee are ^{Heb. of the bow.} bound together, *which* have fled from far. ⁴ Therefore said I, Look away from me; *I will ^{Heb. I will be bitter in weeping.} weep bitterly, labour not to comfort me, because of the spoiling of the daughter of my people. ⁵ For *it is* a day of trouble, and of treading down, and of perplexity by the Lord God of hosts in the valley of vision, breaking down the walls, and of crying to the mountains. ⁶ And Elam bare the quiver with chariots of men *and* horsemen, and Kir *uncovered the shield. ^{Heb. made naked.} ⁷ And it shall come to pass, *that* *thy ^{Heb. the choice of thy valleys.} choicest valleys shall be full of chariots, and the horsemen shall set themselves in array *at ^{Or, toward.} the gate. ⁸ And he discovered the covering of Judah, and thou didst look in that day to the armour of the house of the forest. ⁹ Ye have seen also the breaches of the city of David, that they

are many: and ye gathered together the waters of the lower pool. ¹⁰ And ye have numbered the houses of Jerusalem, and the houses have ye broken down to fortify the wall. ¹¹ Ye made also a ditch between the two walls for the water of the old pool: but ye have not looked unto the maker thereof, neither had respect unto him that fashioned it long ago.

¹² And in that day did the Lord God of hosts call to weeping, and to mourning, and to baldness, and to girding with sackcloth: ¹³ and behold joy and gladness, slaying oxen, and killing sheep, eating flesh, and drinking wine: let us eat and drink; for to morrow we shall die. ¹⁴ And it was revealed in mine ears by the LORD of hosts, Surely this iniquity shall not be purged from you till ye die, saith the Lord God of hosts.

¹⁵ Thus saith the Lord God of hosts, Go, get thee unto this treasurer, *even* unto Shebna, which is over the house, *and say*, ¹⁶ What hast thou here? and whom hast thou here, that thou hast hewed thee out a sepulchre here, **as he* Or, O he. that heweth him out a sepulchre on high, *and* that graveth an habitation for himself in a rock?

¹⁷ Behold, **the* LORD will carry thee away with **a* mighty captivity, and will surely cover thee. Or, the LORD who covered thee with an excellent covering, and clothed thee gorgeously, shall surely, &c. Heb. the captivity of a man.

¹⁸ He will surely violently turn and toss thee *like* a ball into a **large* country: there Heb. large of spaces. shalt thou die, and there the chariots of thy glory shall be the shame of thy lord's house. ¹⁹ And I will drive thee from thy station, and from thy state shall he pull thee down.

²⁰ And it shall come to pass in that day, that I will call my servant Eliakim the son of Hilkiah: ²¹ and

I will clothe him with thy robe, and strengthen him with thy girdle, and I will commit thy government into his hand: and he shall be a father to the inhabitants of Jerusalem, and to the house of Judah. ²²And the key of the house of David will I lay upon his shoulder; so he shall open, and none shall shut; and he shall shut, and none shall open. ²³And I will fasten him *as* a nail in a sure place; and he shall be for a glorious throne to his father's house. ²⁴And they shall hang upon him all the glory of his father's house, the offspring and the issue, all vessels of small quantity, from the vessels of cups, even to all the *ves- ^{Or, instruments of viols.} sels of flagons.

²⁵In that day, saith the LORD of hosts, shall the nail that is fastened in the sure place be removed, and be cut down, and fall; and the burden that *was* upon it shall be cut off: for the LORD hath spoken *it*.

XXIII. THE burden of Tyre.

Howl, ye ships of Tarshish; for it is laid waste, so that there is no house, no entering in: from the land of Chittim it is revealed to them. ²Be *still, ye inhabitants of the isle; thou ^{Heb. silent.} whom the merchants of Zidon, that pass over the sea, have replenished. ³And by great waters the seed of Sihor, the harvest of the river, *is* her revenue; and she is a mart of nations. ⁴Be thou ashamed, O Zidon: for the sea hath spoken, *even* the strength of the sea, saying, I travail not, nor bring forth children, neither do I nourish up young men, *nor* bring up virgins. ⁵As at the report concerning Egypt, *so* shall they be sorely pained at the report of Tyre.

⁶ Pass ye over to Tarshish; howl, ye inhabitants of the isle. ⁷ *Is* this your joyous *city*, whose antiquity *is* of ancient days? her own feet shall carry her *afar off to sojourn. ⁸ Who hath taken this ^{Heb. from afar off.} counsel against Tyre, the crowning *city*, whose merchants *are* princes, whose traffickers *are* the honourable of the earth? ⁹ The LORD of hosts hath purposed it, *to stain the pride of all glory, ^{Heb. to pollute.} *and* to bring into contempt all the honourable of the earth.

¹⁰ Pass through thy land as a river, O daughter of Tarshish: *there is* no more *strength. ¹¹ He ^{Heb. girdle.} stretched out his hand over the sea, he shook the kingdoms: the LORD hath given a commandment *against *the merchant *city*, to de- ^{Or, concerning a merchant-man.} ^{Heb. Canaan.} stroy the *strong holds thereof. ¹² And ^{Or, strengths.} he said, Thou shalt no more rejoice, O thou oppressed virgin, daughter of Zidon: arise, pass over to Chittim; there also shalt thou have no rest.

¹³ Behold the land of the Chaldeans; this people was not, *till* the Assyrian founded it for them that dwell in the wilderness: they set up the towers thereof, they raised up the palaces thereof; *and* he brought it to ruin. ¹⁴ Howl, ye ships of Tarshish: for your strength is laid waste.

¹⁵ And it shall come to pass in that day, that Tyre shall be forgotten seventy years, according to the days of one king: after the end of seventy years *shall Tyre sing as an harlot. ¹⁶ Take an ^{Heb. it shall be unto Tyre as the song of an harlot.} harp, go about the city, thou harlot that hast been forgotten; make sweet melody, sing many songs, that thou mayest be remembered. ¹⁷ And it shall come to pass after the end of seventy years, that the LORD will visit Tyre, and she shall turn to her hire, and shall commit fornication with

all the kingdoms of the world upon the face of the earth. ¹⁸ And her merchandise and her hire shall be holiness to the LORD: it shall not be treasured nor laid up; for her merchandise shall be for them that dwell before the LORD, to eat sufficiently, and for *durable clothing. *Heb. old.*

XXIV. BEHOLD, the LORD maketh the earth empty, and maketh it waste, and *turneth it *Heb. perverteth the face thereof.* upside down, and scattereth abroad the inhabitants thereof. ² And it shall be, as with the people, so with the *priest; as with the servant, so *Or, prince.* with his master; as with the maid, so with her mistress; as with the buyer, so with the seller; as with the lender, so with the borrower; as with the taker of usury, so with the giver of usury to him. ³ The land shall be utterly emptied, and utterly spoiled: for the LORD hath spoken this word. ⁴ The earth mourneth *and* fadeth away, the world languisheth *and* fadeth away, *the haughty *Heb. the height of the people.* people of the earth do languish.

⁵ The earth also is defiled under the inhabitants thereof; because they have transgressed the laws, changed the ordinance, broken the everlasting covenant.

⁶ Therefore hath the curse devoured the earth, and they that dwell therein are desolate: therefore the inhabitants of the earth are burned, and few men left. ⁷ The new wine mourneth, the vine languisheth, all the merryhearted do sigh. ⁸ The mirth of tabrets ceaseth, the noise of them that rejoice endeth, the joy of the harp ceaseth. ⁹ They shall not drink wine with a song; strong drink shall be bitter to them that drink it. ¹⁰ The city of confusion is broken down: every house is shut up, that no man may come in. ¹¹ *There is* a crying for wine in the streets; all joy is darkened, the mirth of the

land is gone. ¹² In the city is left desolation, and the gate is smitten with destruction. ¹³ When thus it shall be in the midst of the land among the people, *there shall be* as the shaking of an olive tree, and as the gleaning grapes when the vintage is done.

¹⁴ They shall lift up their voice, they shall sing for the majesty of the LORD, they shall cry aloud from the sea. ¹⁵ Wherefore glorify ye the LORD in the *fires, *even* the name of the LORD God of ^{Or, valleys.} Israel in the isles of the sea.

¹⁶ From the *uttermost part of the earth have ^{Heb. wing.} we heard songs, *even* glory to the righteous. But I said, *My leanness, my leanness, ^{Heb. Leanness to me, or, My secret to me.} woe unto me! the treacherous dealers have dealt treacherously; yea, the treacherous dealers have dealt very treacherously.

¹⁷ Fear, and the pit, and the snare, *are* upon thee, O inhabitant of the earth. ¹⁸ And it shall come to pass, *that* he who fleeth from the noise of the fear shall fall into the pit; and he that cometh up out of the midst of the pit shall be taken in the snare: for the windows from on high are open, and the foundations of the earth do shake. ¹⁹ The earth is utterly broken down, the earth is clean dissolved, the earth is moved exceedingly. ²⁰ The earth shall reel to and fro like a drunkard, and shall be removed like a cottage; and the transgression thereof shall be heavy upon it; and it shall fall, and not rise again.

²¹ And it shall come to pass in that day, *that* the LORD shall *punish the host of the high ones ^{Heb. visit upon.} *that are* on high, and the kings of the earth upon the earth. ²² And they shall be gathered together, *as prisoners are gathered in the ^{Heb. with the gathering of prisoners.} pit, and shall be shut up in the prison, ^{Or, dungeon.}

and after many days shall they be *visited. Or, found wanting.
²³ Then the moon shall be confounded, and the sun ashamed, when the LORD of hosts shall reign in mount Zion, and in Jerusalem, and *before his ancients gloriously. Or, there shall be glory before his ancients.

XXV. O LORD, thou *art* my God; I will exalt thee, I will praise thy name; for thou hast done wonderful *things*; *thy* counsels of old *are* faithfulness and truth. ² For thou hast made of a city an heap; of a defenced city a ruin: a palace of strangers to be no city; it shall never be built. ³ Therefore shall the strong people glorify thee, the city of the terrible nations shall fear thee. ⁴ For thou hast been a strength to the poor, a strength to the needy in his distress, a refuge from the storm, a shadow from the heat, when the blast of the terrible ones *is* as a storm *against* the wall.

⁵ Thou shalt bring down the noise of strangers, as the heat in a dry place; *even* the heat with the shadow of a cloud: the branch of the terrible ones shall be brought low.

⁶ And in this mountain shall the LORD of hosts make unto all people a feast of fat things, a feast of wines on the lees, of fat things full of marrow, of wines on the lees well refined. ⁷ And he will *de- Heb. swallow up.stroy in this mountain the face of the covering *cast over all people, and the vail that is Heb. covered.spread over all nations. ⁸ He will swallow up death in victory; and the Lord GOD will wipe away tears from off all faces; and the rebuke of his people shall he take away from off all the earth: for the LORD hath spoken *it*.

⁹ And it shall be said in that day, Lo, this *is* our God; we have waited for him, and he will save us: this *is* the LORD; we have waited for him; we will be

glad and rejoice in his salvation. ¹⁰ For in this mountain shall the hand of the LORD rest, and Moab shall be *trodden down under him, Or, threshed. even as straw is *trodden down for the Or, threshed in Madmenah. dunghill. ¹¹ And he shall spread forth his hands in the midst of them, as he that swimmeth spreadeth forth *his hands* to swim: and he shall bring down their pride together with the spoils of their hands. ¹² And the fortress of the high fort of thy walls shall he bring down, lay low, *and* bring to the ground, *even* to the dust.

XXVI. In that day shall this song be sung in the land of Judah; We have a strong city; salvation will *God* appoint *for* walls and bulwarks. ² Open ye the gates, that the righteous nation which keepeth the *truth may enter in. ³ Thou Heb. truths. wilt keep *him* *in perfect peace, *whose* Heb. peace, peace. *mind *is* stayed *on thee*: because he Or, thought, or, imagination. trusteth in thee. ⁴ Trust ye in the LORD for ever: for in the LORD JEHOVAH *is* *everlast- Heb. the rock of ages. ing strength: ⁵ for he bringeth down them that dwell on high; the lofty city, he layeth it low; he layeth it low, *even* to the ground; he bringeth it *even* to the dust. ⁶ The foot shall tread it down, *even* the feet of the poor, *and* the steps of the needy.

⁷ The way of the just *is* uprightness: thou, most upright, dost weigh the path of the just. ⁸ Yea, in the way of thy judgments, O LORD, have we waited for thee; the desire of *our* soul *is* to thy name, and to the remembrance of thee. ⁹ With my soul have I desired thee in the night; yea, with my spirit within me will I seek thee early: for when thy judgments *are* in the earth, the inhabitants of the world will learn righteousness.

- ¹⁰ Let favour be shewed to the wicked, *yet* will he not learn righteousness: in the land of uprightness will he deal unjustly, and will not behold the majesty of the LORD. ¹¹ LORD, *when* thy hand is lifted up, they will not see: *but* they shall see, and be ashamed for *their* envy * at the ^{Or, toward thy people.} people; yea, the fire of thine enemies shall devour them. ¹² LORD, thou wilt ordain peace for us: for thou also hast wrought all our works * in us. ^{Or, for us.}
- ¹³ O LORD our God, *other* lords beside thee have had dominion over us: *but* by thee only will we make mention of thy name. ¹⁴ *They are* dead, they shall not live; *they are* deceased, they shall not rise: therefore hast thou visited and destroyed them, and made all their memory to perish.
- ¹⁵ Thou hast increased the nation, O LORD, thou hast increased the nation: thou art glorified: thou hadst removed *it* far *unto* all the ends of the earth.
- ¹⁶ LORD, in trouble have they visited thee, they poured out a * prayer *when* thy chastening *was* ^{Heb. secret speech.} upon them. ¹⁷ Like as a woman with child, *that* draweth near the time of her delivery, is in pain, *and* crieth out in her pangs; so have we been in thy sight, O LORD. ¹⁸ We have been with child, we have been in pain, we have as it were brought forth wind; we have not wrought any deliverance in the earth; neither have the inhabitants of the world fallen. ¹⁹ Thy dead *men* shall live, *together with* my dead body shall they arise. Awake and sing, ye that dwell in dust: for thy dew *is as* the dew of herbs, and the earth shall cast out the dead.
- ²⁰ Come, my people, enter thou into thy chambers, and shut thy doors about thee: hide thyself as it were for a little moment, until the indignation be overpast. ²¹ For, behold, the LORD cometh out

of his place to punish the inhabitants of the earth for their iniquity: the earth also shall disclose her *blood, and shall no more cover her slain. Heb. bloods.

XXVII. In that day the LORD with his sore and great and strong sword shall punish leviathan the *piercing serpent, even leviathan that Or, crossing like a bar. crooked serpent; and he shall slay the dragon that is in the sea.

² In that day sing ye unto her, A vineyard of red wine.

³ I the LORD do keep it; I will water it every moment: lest *any* hurt it, I will keep it night and day. ⁴ Fury is not in me: who would set the briars *and* thorns against me in battle? I would *go through them, I would burn them Or, march against. together. ⁵ Or let him take hold of my strength, *that* he may make peace with me; *and* he shall make peace with me.

⁶ He shall cause them that come of Jacob to take root: Israel shall blossom and bud, and fill the face of the world with fruit. ⁷ Hath he smitten him, *as he smote those that smote him? Or Heb. according to the stroke of those. is he slain according to the slaughter of them that are slain by him? ⁸ In measure, *when Or, when thou sendest it forth. it shooteth forth, thou wilt debate with it: *he stayeth his rough wind in the day of Or, when he removeth it. the east wind.

⁹ By this therefore shall the iniquity of Jacob be purged; and this *is* all the fruit to take away his sin; when he maketh all the stones of the altar as chalkstones that are beaten in sunder, the groves and *images shall not stand up. Or, sun images.

¹⁰ Yet the defenced city *shall be* desolate, *and* the habitation forsaken, and left like a wilderness: there shall the calf feed, and there shall he lie down, and consume the branches thereof. ¹¹ When the

boughs thereof are withered, they shall be broken off: the women come, *and* set them on fire: for it *is* a people of no understanding: therefore he that made them will not have mercy on them, and he that formed them will shew them no favour.

¹² And it shall come to pass in that day, *that* the LORD shall beat off from the channel of the river unto the stream of Egypt, and ye shall be gathered one by one, O ye children of Israel. ¹³ And it shall come to pass in that day, *that* the great trumpet shall be blown, and they shall come which were ready to perish in the land of Assyria, and the outcasts in the land of Egypt, and shall worship the LORD in the holy mount at Jerusalem.

XXVIII. WOE to the crown of pride, to the drunkards of Ephraim, whose glorious beauty *is* a fading flower, which *are* on the head of the fat valleys of them that are *overcome with wine! Heb. broken.

² Behold, the LORD hath a mighty and strong one, *which* as a tempest of hail *and* a destroying storm, as a flood of mighty waters overflowing, shall cast down to the earth with the hand. ³ The crown of pride, the drunkards of Ephraim, shall be trodden *under feet: ⁴ and the glorious beauty, Heb. with feet. which *is* on the head of the fat valley, shall be a fading flower, *and* as the hasty fruit before the summer; which *when* he that looketh upon it seeth, while it is yet in his hand he *eateth Heb. swalloweth. it up.

⁵ In that day shall the LORD of hosts be for a crown of glory, and for a diadem of beauty, unto the residue of his people, ⁶ and for a spirit of judgment to him that sitteth in judgment, and for strength to them that turn the battle to the gate.

⁷ But they also have erred through wine, and through strong drink are out of the way; the priest and the prophet have erred through strong drink, they are swallowed up of wine, they are out of the way through strong drink; they err in vision, they stumble *in* judgment. ⁸ For all tables are full of vomit *and* filthiness, *so that there is no place clean.*

⁹ Whom shall he teach knowledge? and whom shall he make to understand *doctrine? *them that* ^{Heb. the hearing.} *are* weaned from the milk, *and* drawn from the breasts. ¹⁰ For precept **must be* upon pre- ^{Or, hath been.} cept, precept upon precept; line upon line, line upon line; here a little, *and* there a little: ¹¹ for with *stammering lips and another tongue ^{Heb. stammerings of lips.} *will he speak to this people. ¹² To whom ^{Or, he hath spoken.} he said, *This is the rest wherewith* ye may cause the weary to rest; and *this is the refreshing*: yet they would not hear. ¹³ But the word of the LORD was unto them precept upon precept, precept upon precept; line upon line, line upon line; here a little, *and* there a little; that they might go, and fall backward, and be broken, and snared, and taken.

¹⁴ Wherefore hear the word of the LORD, ye scornful men, that rule this people which *is* in Jerusalem. ¹⁵ Because ye have said, We have made a covenant with death, and with hell are we at agreement; when the overflowing scourge shall pass through, it shall not come unto us: for we have made lies our refuge, and under falsehood have we hid ourselves: ¹⁶ therefore thus saith the Lord God, Behold, I lay in Zion for a foundation a stone, a tried stone, a precious corner stone, a sure foundation: he that believeth shall not make

haste. ¹⁷ Judgment also will I lay to the line, and righteousness to the plummet: and the hail shall sweep away the refuge of lies, and the waters shall overflow the hiding place. ¹⁸ And your covenant with death shall be disannulled, and your agreement with hell shall not stand; when the overflowing scourge shall pass through, then ye shall be ^{*}trodden down by it. ¹⁹ From ^{Heb. a treading down to it.} the time that it goeth forth it shall take you: for morning by morning shall it pass over, by day and by night: and it shall be a vexation only ^{*}to understand the report. ²⁰ For the ^{Or, when he shall make you to understand doctrine.} bed is shorter than that *a man* can stretch himself *on it*: and the covering narrower than that he can wrap himself *in it*. ²¹ For the LORD shall rise up as *in* mount Perazim, he shall be wroth as *in* the valley of Gibeon, that he may do his work, his strange work; and bring to pass his act, his strange act. ²² Now therefore be ye not mockers, lest your bands be made strong: for I have heard from the Lord God of hosts a consumption, even determined upon the whole earth.

²³ Give ye ear, and hear my voice; hearken, and hear my speech. ²⁴ Doth the plowman plow all day to sow? doth he open and break the clods of his ground? ²⁵ When he hath made plain the face thereof, doth he not cast abroad the fitches, and scatter the cummin, and cast in ^{*}the principal wheat and the appointed barley and the ^{*}rie in their ^{*}place? ²⁶ ^{*}For his God doth instruct him to discretion, *and* doth teach him. ²⁷ For the fitches are not threshed with a threshing instrument, neither is a cart wheel turned about upon the cummin; but the fitches are beaten out

Or, the wheat in the principal place, and barley in the appointed place.

Or, spelt.

Heb. border.

Or, And he bindeth it in such sort as his God doth teach him.

with a staff, and the cummin with a rod. ²⁸ Bread *corn* is bruised; because he will not ever be threshing it, nor break *it with* the wheel of his cart, nor bruise it *with* his horsemen. ²⁹ This also cometh forth from the LORD of hosts, *which* is wonderful in counsel, *and* excellent in working.

XXIX. Woe *to Ariel, to Ariel, *the ^{Or, O Ariel, that is, the lion of God. Or, of the city.} city *where* David dwelt! add ye year to year; let them *kill sacrifices. ² Yet I will distress ^{Heb. cut off the heads.} Ariel, and there shall be heaviness and sorrow: and it shall be unto me as Ariel. ³ And I will camp against thee round about, and will lay siege against thee with a mount, and I will raise forts against thee. ⁴ And thou shalt be brought down, *and* shalt speak out of the ground, and thy speech shall be low out of the dust, and thy voice shall be, as of one that hath a familiar spirit, out of the ground, and thy speech shall *whisper out ^{Heb. peep, or, chirp.} of the dust.

⁵ Moreover the multitude of thy strangers shall be like small dust, and the multitude of the terrible ones *shall be* as chaff that passeth away: yea, it shall be at an instant suddenly. ⁶ Thou shalt be visited of the LORD of hosts with thunder, and with earthquake, and great noise, with storm and tempest, and the flame of devouring fire.

⁷ And the multitude of all the nations that fight against Ariel, even all that fight against her and her munition, and that distress her, shall be as a dream of a night vision. ⁸ It shall even be as when an hungry *man* dreameth, and, behold, he eateth; but he awaketh, and his soul is empty: or as when a thirsty man dreameth, and, behold, he drinketh; but he awaketh, and, behold, *he is* faint, and his soul hath appetite: so shall the

multitude of all the nations be, that fight against mount Zion.

⁹ Stay yourselves, and wonder; *cry ye Or, take your pleasure, and riot. out, and cry: they are drunken, but not with wine; they stagger, but not with strong drink.

¹⁰ For the LORD hath poured out upon you the spirit of deep sleep, and hath closed your eyes: the prophets and your *rulers, the seers hath Heb. heads. he covered. ¹¹ And the vision of all is become unto you as the words of a *book that is sealed, Or, letter. which *men* deliver to one that is learned, saying, Read this, I pray thee: and he saith, I cannot; for it *is* sealed; ¹² and the book is delivered to him that is not learned, saying, Read this, I pray thee: and he saith, I am not learned.

¹³ Wherefore the Lord said, Forasmuch as this people draw near *me* with their mouth, and with their lips do honour me, but have removed their heart far from me, and their fear toward me is taught by the precept of men: ¹⁴ therefore, behold, I will *proceed to do a marvellous work among Heb. add. this people, *even* a marvellous work and a wonder: for the wisdom of their wise *men* shall perish, and the understanding of their prudent *men* shall be hid.

¹⁵ Woe unto them that seek deep to hide their counsel from the LORD, and their works are in the dark, and they say, Who seeth us? and who knoweth us? ¹⁶ Surely your turning of things upside down shall be esteemed as the potter's clay: for shall the work say of him that made it, He made me not? or shall the thing framed say of him that framed it, He had no understanding?

¹⁷ *Is* it not yet a very little while, and Lebanon shall be turned into a fruitful field, and the fruitful

field shall be esteemed as a forest ? ¹⁸ And in that day shall the deaf hear the words of the book, and the eyes of the blind shall see out of obscurity, and out of darkness. ¹⁹ The meek also * shall ^{Heb. shall add.} increase *their* joy in the LORD, and the poor among men shall rejoice in the Holy One of Israel. ²⁰ For the terrible one is brought to nought, and the scorner is consumed, and all that watch for iniquity are cut off: ²¹ that make a man an offender for a word, and lay a snare for him that reproveth in the gate, and turn aside the just for a thing of nought.

²² Therefore thus saith the LORD, who redeemed Abraham, concerning the house of Jacob, Jacob shall not now be ashamed, neither shall his face now wax pale. ²³ But when he seeth his children, the work of mine hands, in the midst of him, they shall sanctify my name, and sanctify the Holy One of Jacob, and shall fear the God of Israel. ²⁴ They also that erred in spirit * shall ^{Heb. shall know understanding.} come to understanding, and they that murmured shall learn doctrine.

XXX. WOE to the rebellious children, saith the LORD, that take counsel, but not of me; and that cover with a covering, but not of my spirit, that they may add sin to sin: ² that walk to go down into Egypt, and have not asked at my mouth; to strengthen themselves in the strength of Pharaoh, and to trust in the shadow of Egypt! ³ Therefore shall the strength of Pharaoh be your shame, and the trust in the shadow of Egypt *your* confusion. ⁴ For his princes were at Zoan, and his ambassadors came to Hanes. ⁵ They were all ashamed of a people *that* could not profit them, nor be an help nor profit, but a shame, and also a reproach.

⁶ The burden of the beasts of the south: into the land of trouble and anguish, from whence *come* the young and old lion, the viper and fiery flying serpent, they will carry their riches upon the shoulders of young asses, and their treasures upon the bunches of camels, to a people *that* shall not profit *them*. ⁷ For the Egyptians shall help in vain, and to no purpose: therefore have I cried *con- Or, *to her*.
cerning this, Their strength *is* to sit still.

⁸ Now go, write it before them in a table, and note it in a book, that it may be for *the time to Heb. *the latter day*.
come for ever and ever: ⁹ That this *is* a rebellious people, lying children, children *that* will not hear the law of the LORD: ¹⁰ which say to the seers, See not; and to the prophets, Prophecy not unto us right things, speak unto us smooth things, prophecy deceits: ¹¹ get you out of the way, turn aside out of the path, cause the Holy One of Israel to cease from before us.

¹² Wherefore thus saith the Holy One of Israel, Because ye despise this word, and trust in *oppression and perverseness, and stay thereon: Or, *fraud*.

¹³ therefore this iniquity shall be to you as a breach ready to fall, swelling out in a high wall, whose breaking cometh suddenly at an instant.

¹⁴ And he shall break it as the breaking of *the potters' vessel that is broken in pieces; Heb. *the bottle of potters*.
he shall not spare: so that there shall not be found in the bursting of it a sherd to take fire from the hearth, or to take water *withal* out of the pit.

¹⁵ For thus saith the LORD God, the Holy One of Israel; In returning and rest shall ye be saved: in quietness and in confidence shall be your strength: and ye would not. ¹⁶ But ye said, No; for we will

flee upon horses; therefore shall ye flee: and, We will ride upon the swift; therefore shall they that pursue you be swift. ¹⁷ One thousand *shall flee* at the rebuke of one; at the rebuke of five shall ye flee: till ye be left as *a beacon upon the top of a mountain, and as an ensign Or, a tree bereft of branches, or, boughs: or, a mast. on an hill.

¹⁸ And therefore will the LORD wait, that he may be gracious unto you, and therefore will he be exalted, that he may have mercy upon you: for the LORD *is* a God of judgment: blessed *are* all they that wait for him.

¹⁹ For the people shall dwell in Zion at Jerusalem: thou shalt weep no more: he will be very gracious unto thee at the voice of thy cry; when he shall hear it, he will answer thee. ²⁰ And *though* the Lord give you the bread of adversity, and the water of *affliction, yet shall not thy teachers be removed into a corner any more, but thine eyes shall see thy teachers: ²¹ and thine ears shall hear a word behind thee, saying, This *is* the way, walk ye in it, when ye turn to the right hand, and when ye turn to the left. ²² Ye shall defile also the covering of *thy graven images Heb. the graven images of thy silver. of silver, and the ornament of thy molten images of gold: thou shalt *cast them away as a Heb. scatter. menstruous cloth; thou shalt say unto it, Get thee hence.

²³ Then shall he give the rain of thy seed, that thou shalt sow the ground withal; and bread of the increase of the earth, and it shall be fat and plentiful: in that day shall thy cattle feed in large pastures. ²⁴ The oxen likewise and the young asses that ear the ground shall eat *clean pro- Or, savoury. Heb. leavened. vender, which hath been winnowed with the shovel

and with the fan. ²⁵And there shall be upon every high mountain, and upon every *high Heb. lifted up. hill, rivers *and* streams of waters in the day of the great slaughter, when the towers fall. ²⁶Moreover the light of the moon shall be as the light of the sun, and the light of the sun shall be sevenfold, as the light of seven days, in the day that the LORD bindeth up the breach of his people, and healeth the stroke of their wound.

²⁷Behold, the name of the LORD cometh from far, burning *with* his anger, *and the bur- Or, and the grievousness of flame. den *thereof* is *heavy: his lips are full of Heb. heaviness. indignation, and his tongue as a devouring fire: ²⁸and his breath, as an overflowing stream, shall reach to the midst of the neck, to sift the nations with the sieve of vanity: and *there shall be* a bridle in the jaws of the people, causing *them* to err. ²⁹Ye shall have a song, as in the night *when* a holy solemnity is kept; and gladness of heart, as when one goeth with a pipe to come into the mountain of the LORD, to the *mighty One Heb. Rock. of Israel. ³⁰And the LORD shall cause *his Heb. the glory of his voice. glorious voice to be heard, and shall shew the lighting down of his arm, with the indignation of *his* anger, and *with* the flame of a devouring fire, *with* scattering, and tempest, and hailstones. ³¹For through the voice of the LORD shall the Assyrian be beaten down, *which* smote with a rod. ³²And *in* *every place where the grounded Heb. every passing of the rod founded. staff shall pass, which the LORD shall *lay Heb. cause to rest upon him. upon him, *it* shall be with tabrets and harps: and in battles of shaking will he fight *with Or, against them. it. ³³For Tophet *is* ordained *of old; yea, Heb. from yesterday. for the king it is prepared; he hath made *it* deep *and* large: the pile *thereof* *is* fire and much wood;

the breath of the LORD, like a stream of brimstone, doth kindle it.

XXXI. WOE to them that go down to Egypt for help; and stay on horses, and trust in chariots, because *they are* many; and in horsemen, because they are very strong; but they look not unto the Holy One of Israel, neither seek the LORD! ² Yet he also *is* wise, and will bring evil, and will not ^{*}call back his words: but will arise against ^{Heb. remove.} the house of the evildoers, and against the help of them that work iniquity. ³ Now the Egyptians *are* men, and not God: and their horses flesh, and not spirit. When the LORD shall stretch out his hand, both he that helpeth shall fall, and he that is holpen shall fall down, and they all shall fail together. ⁴ For thus hath the LORD spoken unto me, Like as the lion and the young lion roaring on his prey, when a multitude of shepherds is called forth against him, *he* will not be afraid of their voice, nor abase himself for the ^{*}noise ^{Or, multitude.} of them: so shall the LORD of hosts come down to fight for mount Zion, and for the hill thereof. ⁵ As birds flying, so will the LORD of hosts defend Jerusalem; defending also he will deliver *it*; and passing over he will preserve *it*.

⁶ Turn ye unto *him from* whom the children of Israel have deeply revolted. ⁷ For in that day every man shall cast away his idols of silver, and ^{*}his idols of gold, which your own hands have ^{Heb. the idols of his gold.} made unto you *for* a sin. ⁸ Then shall the Assyrian fall with the sword, not of a mighty man; and the sword, not of a mean man, shall devour him: but he shall flee ^{*}from the sword, and ^{Or, for fear of the sword.} his young men shall be ^{*}discomfited. ^{Or, tributary. Heb. for melting, or, tribute.} ⁹ And ^{*}he shall pass over to ^{*}his ^{Heb. his rock shall pass away for fear. Or, his strength.}

strong hold for fear, and his princes shall be afraid of the ensign, saith the LORD, whose fire *is* in Zion, and his furnace in Jerusalem.

XXXII. BEHOLD, a king shall reign in righteousness, and princes shall rule in judgment. ² And a man shall be as an hidingplace from the wind, and a covert from the tempest; as rivers of water in a dry place, as the shadow of a *great rock Heb. heavy. in a weary land. ³ And the eyes of them that see shall not be dim, and the ears of them that hear shall hearken. ⁴ The heart also of the *rash Heb. hasty. shall understand knowledge, and the tongue of the stammerers shall be ready to speak *plainly. Or, elegantly. ⁵ The vile person shall be no more called liberal, nor the churl said *to be* bountiful. ⁶ For the vile person will speak villany, and his heart will work iniquity, to practise hypocrisy, and to utter error against the LORD, to make empty the soul of the hungry, and he will cause the drink of the thirsty to fail. ⁷ The instruments also of the churl *are* evil: he deviseth wicked devices to destroy the poor with lying words, even *when Or, when he speaketh against the poor in judgment. the needy speaketh right. ⁸ But the liberal deviseth liberal things; and by liberal things shall he *stand. Or, be established.

⁹ Rise up, ye women that are at ease; hear my voice, ye careless daughters; give ear unto my speech. ¹⁰ * Many days and years shall ye be Heb. Days above a year. troubled, ye careless women: for the vintage shall fail, the gathering shall not come. ¹¹ Tremble, ye women that are at ease; be troubled, ye careless ones; strip you, and make you bare, and gird sackcloth upon your loins. ¹² They shall lament for the teats, for *the pleasant fields, for Heb. the fields of desire. the fruitful vine. ¹³ Upon the land of my people

shall come up thorns *and* briers; * yea, upon ^{Or, burning upon, &c.} all the houses of joy *in* the joyous city: ¹⁴ because the palaces shall be forsaken; the multitude of the city shall be left; the * forts and towers ^{Or, cliffs and watchtowers.} shall be for dens for ever, a joy of wild asses, a pasture of flocks; ¹⁵ until the Spirit be poured upon us from on high, and the wilderness be a fruitful field, and the fruitful field be counted for a forest.

¹⁶ Then judgment shall dwell in the wilderness, and righteousness remain in the fruitful field. ¹⁷ And the work of righteousness shall be peace; and the effect of righteousness quietness and assurance for ever. ¹⁸ And my people shall dwell in a peaceable habitation, and in sure dwellings, and in quiet resting places; ¹⁹ when it shall hail, coming down on the forest; * and the city shall be ^{Or, and the city shall be utterly abased.} low in a low place. ²⁰ Blessed *are* ye that sow beside all waters, that send forth *thither* the feet of the ox and the ass.

XXXIII. WOE to thee that spoilest, and thou *wast* not spoiled; and dealest treacherously, and they dealt not treacherously with thee! when thou shalt cease to spoil, thou shalt be spoiled; *and* when thou shalt make an end to deal treacherously, they shall deal treacherously with thee.

² O LORD, be gracious unto us: we have waited for thee: be thou their arm every morning, our salvation also in the time of trouble. ³ At the noise of the tumult the people fled; at the lifting up of thyself the nations were scattered. ⁴ And your spoil shall be gathered *like* the gathering of the caterpillar: as the running to and fro of locusts shall he run upon them.

⁵ The LORD is exalted; for he dwelleth on high: he

hath filled Zion with judgment and righteousness.
⁶And wisdom and knowledge shall be the stability
of thy times, *and* strength of *salvation: Heb. salvations.
the fear of the LORD *is* his treasure.

⁷Behold, their *valiant ones shall cry without: Or, messen-
gers. ⁸The
the ambassadors of peace shall weep bitterly. ⁸The
highways lie waste, the wayfaring man ceaseth:
he hath broken the covenant, he hath despised the
cities, he regardeth no man. ⁹The earth mourn-
eth *and* languisheth: Lebanon is ashamed *and*
**hewn* down: Sharon is like a wilderness; Or, withered
away.
and Bashan and Carmel shake off *their* *fruits*.

¹⁰Now will I rise, saith the LORD; now will I be ex-
alted; now will I lift up myself. ¹¹Ye shall con-
ceive chaff, ye shall bring forth stubble: your
breath, *as* fire, shall devour you. ¹²And the peo-
ple shall be *as* the burnings of lime: *as* thorns cut
up shall they be burned in the fire.

¹³Hear, ye *that are* far off, what I have done; and, ye
that are near, acknowledge my might. ¹⁴The sin-
ners in Zion are afraid; fearfulness hath surprised
the hypocrites. Who among us shall dwell with
the devouring fire? who among us shall dwell
with everlasting burnings?

¹⁵He that walketh *righteously, and speaketh Heb. in right-
eousnesses.
*uprightly; he that despiseth the gain of Heb. upright-
nesses.
*oppressions, that shaketh his hands from Or, deceits.
holding of bribes, that stoppeth his ears from hear-
ing of *blood, and shutteth his eyes from Heb. bloods.
seeing evil; ¹⁶he shall dwell on *high: Heb. heights, or,
high places.
his place of defence *shall be* the munitions of
rocks: bread shall be given him; his waters *shall*
be sure.

¹⁷Thine eyes shall see the king in his beauty: they
shall behold *the land that is very far Heb. the land of
far distances.

off. ¹⁸Thine heart shall meditate terror. Where *is* the scribe? where *is* the *receiver? Heb. weigher. where *is* he that counted the towers? ¹⁹Thou shalt not see a fierce people, a people of a deeper speech than thou canst perceive; of a *stammer- Or, ridiculous. ing tongue, *that thou canst* not understand.

²⁰Look upon Zion, the city of our solemnities: thine eyes shall see Jerusalem a quiet habitation, a tabernacle *that* shall not be taken down; not one of the stakes thereof shall ever be removed, neither shall any of the cords thereof be broken. ²¹But there the glorious LORD *will be* unto us a place *of broad rivers *and* streams; wherein shall go Heb. broad of spaces, or, hands. no galley with oars, neither shall gallant ship pass thereby. ²²For the LORD *is* our judge, the LORD *is* our *lawgiver, the LORD *is* our king; Heb. statute-maker. he will save us. ²³* Thy tacklings are Or, They have forsaken thy tacklings. loosed; they could not well strengthen their mast, they could not spread the sail: then is the prey of a great spoil divided; the lame take the prey. ²⁴And the inhabitant shall not say, I am sick: the people that dwell therein *shall be* forgiven *their* iniquity.

XXXIV. COME near, ye nations, to hear; and hearken, ye people: let the earth hear, and *all Heb. the fulness thereof. that is therein; the world, and all things that come forth of it. ²For the indignation of the LORD *is* upon all nations, and *his* fury upon all their armies: he hath utterly destroyed them, he hath delivered them to the slaughter. ³Their slain also shall be cast out, and their stink shall come up out of their carcases, and the mountains shall be melted with their blood. ⁴And all the host of heaven shall be dissolved, and the heavens shall be rolled together as a scroll: and all their host shall fall down, as

the leaf falleth off from the vine, and as a falling *fig* from the fig tree. ⁵ For my sword shall be bathed in heaven: behold, it shall come down upon Idumea, and upon the people of my curse, to judgment.

⁶ The sword of the LORD is filled with blood, it is made fat with fatness, *and* with the blood of lambs and goats, with the fat of the kidneys of rams: for the LORD hath a sacrifice in Bozrah, and a great slaughter in the land of Idumea. ⁷ And the *unicorns shall come down with them, and *Or, rhinoceroses.* the bullocks with the bulls; and their land shall be *soaked with blood, and their dust made *Or, drunken.* fat with fatness. ⁸ For *it is* the day of the LORD's vengeance, *and* the year of recompences for the controversy of Zion. ⁹ And the streams thereof shall be turned into pitch, and the dust thereof into brimstone, and the land thereof shall become burning pitch. ¹⁰ It shall not be quenched night nor day; the smoke thereof shall go up for ever: from generation to generation it shall lie waste; none shall pass through it for ever and ever. ¹¹ But the *cormorant and the bittern shall possess *Or, pelican.* it; the owl also and the raven shall dwell in it: and he shall stretch out upon it the line of confusion, and the stones of emptiness.

¹² They shall call the nobles thereof to the kingdom, but none *shall be* there, and all her princes shall be nothing. ¹³ And thorns shall come up in her palaces, nettles and brambles in the fortresses thereof: and it shall be an habitation of dragons, *and* a court for *owls. ¹⁴ *The wild beasts of the desert *Or, ostriches.* shall also meet with *the wild beasts of the *Heb. daughters of the owl.* island, and the satyr shall cry to his fellow; *Heb. Zim.* the *screech owl also shall rest there, and *Heb. Ijim.* *Or, night monster.* find for herself a place of rest. ¹⁵ There shall the

great owl make her nest, and lay, and hatch, and gather under her shadow: there shall the vultures also be gathered, every one with her mate.

- ¹⁶ Seek ye out of the book of the LORD, and read: no one of these shall fail, none shall want her mate: for my mouth it hath commanded, and his spirit it hath gathered them. ¹⁷ And he hath cast the lot for them, and his hand hath divided it unto them by line: they shall possess it for ever, from generation to generation shall they dwell therein.

XXXV. THE wilderness and the solitary place shall be glad for them; and the desert shall rejoice, and blossom as the rose. ² It shall blossom abundantly, and rejoice even with joy and singing: the glory of Lebanon shall be given unto it, the excellency of Carmel and Sharon, they shall see the glory of the LORD, *and* the excellency of our God.

- ³ Strengthen ye the weak hands, and confirm the feeble knees. ⁴ Say to them *that are* of a *fearful Heb. hasty. heart, Be strong, fear not: behold, your God will come *with* vengeance, *even* God *with* a recompence; he will come and save you.

- ⁵ Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened, and the ears of the deaf shall be unstopped. ⁶ Then shall the lame *man* leap as an hart, and the tongue of the dumb sing: for in the wilderness shall waters break out, and streams in the desert. ⁷ And the parched ground shall become a pool, and the thirsty land springs of water: in the habitation of dragons, where each lay, *shall be* *grass Or, a court for reeds, &c. with reeds and rushes.

- ⁸ And an highway shall be there, and a way, and it shall be called The way of holiness; the unclean shall not pass over it; *but it *shall be* for Or, for he shall be with them.

those: the wayfaring men, though fools, shall not err *therein*. ⁹ No lion shall be there, nor *any* ravenous beast shall go up thereon, it shall not be found there; but the redeemed shall walk *there*: ¹⁰ and the ransomed of the LORD shall return, and come to Zion with songs and everlasting joy upon their heads: they shall obtain joy and gladness, and sorrow and sighing shall flee away.

XXXVI. Now it came to pass in the fourteenth year of king Hezekiah, *that* Sennacherib king of Assyria came up against all the defenced cities of Judah, and took them.

² And the king of Assyria sent Rabshakeh from Lachish to Jerusalem unto king Hezekiah with a great army. And he stood by the conduit of the upper pool in the highway of the fuller's field. ³ Then came forth unto him Eliakim, Hilkiah's son, which was over the house, and Shebna the ^{*}scribe, and Joah, Asaph's ^{Or, secretary.} son, the recorder.

⁴ And Rabshakeh said unto them, Say ye now to Hezekiah, Thus saith the great king, the king of Assyria, What confidence *is* this wherein thou trustest? I say, *sayest thou*, (but *they are but* ^{*}vain words) ^{Heb. a word of lips.}

⁵ ^{*}*I have counsel and strength for war:* ^{Or, but counsel and strength are for the war.} now on whom dost thou trust, that thou rebellest against me? ⁶ Lo, thou trustest in the staff of this broken reed, on Egypt; whereon if a man lean, it will go into his hand, and pierce it: so *is* Pharaoh king of Egypt to all that trust in him. ⁷ But if thou say to me, We trust in the LORD our God: *is it* not he, whose high places and whose altars Hezekiah hath taken away, and said to Judah and to Jerusalem, Ye shall worship before this altar? ⁸ Now therefore give ^{*}pledges, I pray thee, to my master the king ^{Or, hostages.}

of Assyria, and I will give thee two thousand horses, if thou be able on thy part to set riders upon them. ⁹ How then wilt thou turn away the face of one captain of the least of my master's servants, and put thy trust on Egypt for chariots and for horsemen? ¹⁰ And am I now come up without the LORD against this land to destroy it? the LORD said unto me, Go up against this land, and destroy it.

¹¹ Then said Eliakim and Shebna and Joah unto Rabshakeh, Speak, I pray thee, unto thy servants in the Syrian language; for we understand *it*: and speak not to us in the Jews' language, in the ears of the people that *are* on the wall. ¹² But Rabshakeh said, Hath my master sent me to thy master and to thee to speak these words? *hath he not sent me* to the men that sit upon the wall, that they may eat their own dung, and drink their own piss with you?

¹³ Then Rabshakeh stood, and cried with a loud voice in the Jews' language, and said, Hear ye the words of the great king, the king of Assyria. ¹⁴ Thus saith the king, Let not Hezekiah deceive you: for he shall not be able to deliver you. ¹⁵ Neither let Hezekiah make you trust in the LORD, saying, The LORD will surely deliver us: this city shall not be delivered into the hand of the king of Assyria. ¹⁶ Hearken not to Hezekiah: for thus saith the king of Assyria, * Make *an* Or, Seek my favour by a present. *agreement* with me *by* a present, and come Heb. Make with me a blessing. out to me: and eat ye every one of his vine, and every one of his fig-tree, and drink ye every one the waters of his own cistern; ¹⁷ until I come and take you away to a land like your own land, a land of corn and wine, a land of bread and vineyards. ¹⁸ *Beware* lest Hezekiah persuade you, saying, The LORD will deliver us. Hath any of the gods of the nations delivered his land out of the hand of the king of Assyria? ¹⁹ Where *are* the gods

of Hamath and Arphad? where *are* the gods of Sepharvaim? and have they delivered Samaria out of my hand? ²⁰ Who *are they* among all the gods of these lands, that have delivered their land out of my hand, that the LORD should deliver Jerusalem out of my hand?

²¹ But they held their peace, and answered him not a word: for the king's commandment was, saying, Answer him not.

²² Then came Eliakim, the son of Hilkiah, that *was* over the household, and Shebna the scribe, and Joah, the son of Asaph, the recorder, to Hezekiah, with *their* clothes rent, and told him the words of Rabshakeh.

XXXVII. AND it came to pass, when king Hezekiah heard *it*, that he rent his clothes, and covered himself with sackcloth, and went into the house of the LORD. ² And he sent Eliakim, who *was* over the household, and Shebna the scribe, and the elders of the priests covered with sackcloth, unto Isaiah the prophet the son of Amoz. ³ And they said unto him, Thus saith Hezekiah, This day *is* a day of trouble, and of rebuke, and of ^{*}blasphemy: for the *Or, provocation.* children are come to the birth, and *there is* not strength to bring forth. ⁴ It may be the LORD thy God will hear the words of Rabshakeh, whom the king of Assyria his master hath sent to reproach the living God, and will reprove the words which the LORD thy God hath heard: wherefore lift up *thy* prayer for the remnant that is ^{*}left.

Heb. found.

⁵ So the servants of king Hezekiah came to Isaiah. ⁶ And Isaiah said unto them, Thus shall ye say unto your master, Thus saith the LORD, Be not afraid of the words that thou hast heard, wherewith the servants of the king of Assyria have blasphemed me.

⁷ Behold, I will *send a blast upon him, and ^{Or, put a spirit into him.} he shall hear a rumour, and return to his own land; and I will cause him to fall by the sword in his own land.

⁸ So Rabshakeh returned, and found the king of Assyria warring against Libnah: for he had heard that he was departed from Lachish. ⁹ And he heard say concerning Tirhakah king of Ethiopia, He is come forth to make war with thee. And when he heard *it*, he sent messengers to Hezekiah, saying, ¹⁰ Thus shall ye speak to Hezekiah king of Judah, saying, Let not thy God, in whom thou trustest, deceive thee, saying, Jerusalem shall not be given into the hand of the king of Assyria. ¹¹ Behold, thou hast heard what the kings of Assyria have done to all lands by destroying them utterly; and shalt thou be delivered? ¹² Have the gods of the nations delivered them which my fathers have destroyed, *as* Gozan, and Haran, and Rezeph, and the children of Eden which *were* in Teglassar? ¹³ Where *is* the king of Hamath, and the king of Arphad, and the king of the city of Sepharvaim, Hena, and Ivah?

¹⁴ And Hezekiah received the letter from the hand of the messengers, and read it: and Hezekiah went up unto the house of the LORD, and spread it before the LORD. ¹⁵ And Hezekiah prayed unto the LORD, saying, ¹⁶ O LORD of hosts, God of Israel, that dwellest *between* the cherubims, thou *art* the God, *even* thou alone, of all the kingdoms of the earth: thou hast made heaven and earth. ¹⁷ Incline thine ear, O LORD, and hear; open thine eyes, O LORD, and see: and hear all the words of Sennacherib, which hath sent to reproach the living God. ¹⁸ Of a truth, LORD, the kings of Assyria have laid waste all the *nations, ^{Heb. lands.} and their countries, ¹⁹ and have *cast their gods ^{Heb. given.}

into the fire; for they *were* no gods, but the work of men's hands, wood and stone: therefore they have destroyed them. ²⁰ Now therefore, O LORD our God, save us from his hand, that all the kingdoms of the earth may know that thou *art* the LORD, *even* thou only.

²¹ Then Isaiah the son of Amoz sent unto Hezekiah, saying, Thus saith the LORD God of Israel, Whereas thou hast prayed to me against Sennacherib king of Assyria: ²² *this is* the word which the LORD hath spoken concerning him;

The virgin, the daughter of Zion, hath despised thee, *and* laughed thee to scorn; the daughter of Jerusalem hath shaken her head at thee. ²³ Whom hast thou reproached and blasphemed? and against whom hast thou exalted *thy* voice, and lifted up thine eyes on high? *even* against the Holy One of Israel. ²⁴ * By thy servants hast thou ^{Heb. By the hand of thy servants.} reproached the Lord, and hast said, By the multitude of my chariots am I come up to the height of the mountains, to the sides of Lebanon; and I will cut down * the tall cedars there- ^{Heb. the tallness of the cedars thereof, and the choice of the fir trees thereof.} of, *and* the choice fir trees thereof: and I will enter into the height of his border, *and* * the forest of his Carmel. ²⁵ I have ^{Or, the forest, and his fruitful field.} digged, and drunk water; and with the sole of my feet have I dried up all the rivers of the * besieged places. Or, fenced and closed.

²⁶ * Hast thou not heard long ago, ^{Or, Hast thou not heard how I have made it long ago, and formed it of ancient times? should I now bring it to be laid waste, and defenced cities to be ruinous heaps?} *how* I have done it; *and* of ancient times, that I have formed it? now have I brought it to pass, that thou shouldest be to lay waste defenced cities *into* ruinous heaps. ²⁷ Therefore their inhabitants *were*

* of small power, they were dismayed and ^{Heb. short of hand.} confounded: they were *as* the grass of the field, and *as* the green herb, *as* the grass on the house-tops, and *as* corn blasted before it be grown up.

²⁸ But I know thy *abode, and thy going ^{Or, sitting.} out, and thy coming in, and thy rage against me.

²⁹ Because thy rage against me, and thy tumult, is come up into mine ears, therefore will I put my hook in thy nose, and my bridle in thy lips, and I will turn thee back by the way by which thou camest.

³⁰ And this *shall be* a sign unto thee, Ye shall eat *this* year such as groweth of itself; and the second year that which springeth of the same: and in the third year sow ye, and reap, and plant vineyards, and eat the fruit thereof. ³¹ And *the ^{Heb. the escaping of the house of Judah that remaineth.} remnant that is escaped of the house of Judah shall again take root downward, and bear fruit upward: ³² for out of Jerusalem shall go forth a remnant, and *they that escape ^{Heb. the escaping.} out of mount Zion: the zeal of the LORD of hosts shall do this.

³³ Therefore thus saith the LORD concerning the king of Assyria, He shall not come into this city, nor shoot an arrow there, nor come before it with *shields, nor cast a bank against it. ³⁴ By ^{Heb. shield.} the way that he came, by the same shall he return, and shall not come into this city, saith the LORD. ³⁵ For I will defend this city to save it for mine own sake, and for my servant David's sake.

³⁶ Then the angel of the LORD went forth, and smote in the camp of the Assyrians a hundred and fourscore and five thousand: and when they arose early in the morning, behold, they *were* all dead

corpses. ³⁷ So Sennacherib king of Assyria departed, and went and returned, and dwelt at Nineveh. ³⁸ And it came to pass, as he was worshipping in the house of Nisroch his god, that Adrammelech and Sharezer his sons smote him with the sword; and they escaped into the land of *Armenia: and Esar-haddon Heb. Ararat. his son reigned in his stead.

XXXVIII. IN those days was Hezekiah sick unto death. And Isaiah the prophet the son of Amoz came unto him, and said unto him, Thus saith the LORD, *Set thine house in order, for thou Heb. Give charge concerning thy house. shalt die, and not live. ² Then Hezekiah turned his face toward the wall, and prayed unto the LORD, ³ and said, Remember now, O LORD, I beseech thee, how I have walked before thee in truth and with a perfect heart, and have done *that which is good* in thy sight. And Hezekiah wept *sore. ⁴ Then came the Heb. with great weeping. word of the LORD to Isaiah, saying, ⁵ Go, and say to Hezekiah, Thus saith the LORD, the God of David thy father, I have heard thy prayer, I have seen thy tears: behold, I will add unto thy days fifteen years. ⁶ And I will deliver thee and this city out of the hand of the king of Assyria: and I will defend this city. ⁷ And this *shall be* a sign unto thee from the LORD, that the LORD will do this thing that he hath spoken; ⁸ Behold, I will bring again the shadow of the degrees, which is gone down in the *sun dial of Heb. degrees by, or, with the sun. Ahaz, ten degrees backward. So the sun returned ten degrees, by which degrees it was gone down.

⁹ The writing of Hezekiah king of Judah, when he had been sick, and was recovered of his sickness.

¹⁰ I said, in the cutting off of my days, I shall go to the gates of the grave: I am deprived of the

residue of my years. ¹¹ I said, I shall not see the LORD, *even* the LORD, in the land of the living: I shall behold man no more with the inhabitants of the world. ¹² Mine age is departed, and is removed from me as a shepherd's tent: I have cut off like a weaver my life: he will cut me off * with ^{Or, from the thrum.} pining sickness: from day *even* to night wilt thou make an end of me. ¹³ I reckoned till morning, *that*, as a lion, so will he break all my bones: from day *even* to night wilt thou make an end of me. ¹⁴ Like a crane *or* a swallow, so did I chatter: I did mourn as a dove: mine eyes fail *with looking* upward: O LORD, I am oppressed; * under- ^{Or, ease me.} take for me.

¹⁵ What shall I say? he hath both spoken unto me, and himself hath done *it*: I shall go softly all my years in the bitterness of my soul. ¹⁶ O Lord, by these *things men* live, and in all these *things is* the life of my spirit: so wilt thou recover me, and make me to live.

¹⁷ Behold, * for peace I had great bitter- ^{Or, on my peace came great bitterness.} ness: but * thou hast in love to my ^{Heb. thou hast loved my soul from the pit.} soul *delivered it* from the pit of corruption: for thou hast cast all my sins behind thy back. ¹⁸ For the grave cannot praise thee, death can *not* celebrate thee: they that go down into the pit cannot hope for thy truth. ¹⁹ The living, the living, he shall praise thee, as I *do* this day: the father to the children shall make known thy truth. ²⁰ The LORD *was ready* to save me: therefore we will sing my songs to the stringed instruments all the days of our life in the house of the LORD.

²¹ For Isaiah had said, Let them take a lump of figs, and lay *it* for a plaister upon the boil, and he shall

recover. ²² Hezekiah also had said, What *is* the sign that I shall go up to the house of the LORD?

XXXIX. At that time Merodach-baladan, the son of Baladan, king of Babylon, sent letters and a present to Hezekiah: for he had heard that he had been sick, and was recovered. ² And Hezekiah was glad of them, and shewed them the house of his ^{*}precious Or, *spicery*. things, the silver, and the gold, and the spices, and the precious ointment, and all the house of his ^{*}armour, and all that was found in his Or, *jewels*. Heb. *vessels*,
or, *instruments*. treasures: there was nothing in his house, nor in all his dominion, that Hezekiah shewed them not.

³ Then came Isaiah the prophet unto king Hezekiah, and said unto him, What said these men? and from whence came they unto thee? And Hezekiah said, They are come from a far country unto me, *even* from Babylon. ⁴ Then said he, What have they seen in thine house? And Hezekiah answered, All that *is* in mine house have they seen: there is nothing among my treasures that I have not shewed them.

⁵ Then said Isaiah to Hezekiah, Hear the word of the LORD of hosts: ⁶ Behold, the days come, that all that *is* in thine house, and *that* which thy fathers have laid up in store until this day, shall be carried to Babylon: nothing shall be left, saith the LORD. ⁷ And of thy sons that shall issue from thee, which thou shalt beget, shall they take away; and they shall be eunuchs in the palace of the king of Babylon.

⁸ Then said Hezekiah to Isaiah, Good *is* the word of the LORD which thou hast spoken. He said moreover, For there shall be peace and truth in my days.

XL. COMFORT ye, comfort ye my people, saith your God. ² Speak ye ^{*}comfortably to Jerusalem, Heb. *to the heart*.

and cry unto her, that her *warfare is Or, appointed time. accomplished, that her iniquity is pardoned: for she hath received of the LORD's hand double for all her sins.

³ The voice of him that crieth in the wilderness, Prepare ye the way of the LORD, make straight in the desert a highway for our God. ⁴ Every valley shall be exalted, and every mountain and hill shall be made low: and the crooked shall be made *straight, and the rough places *plain: Or, a straight place. Or, a plain place. ⁵ and the glory of the LORD shall be revealed, and all flesh shall see *it* together: for the mouth of the LORD hath spoken *it*.

⁶ The voice said, Cry. And he said, What shall I cry? All flesh *is* grass, and all the goodness thereof *is* as the flower of the field: ⁷ the grass withereth, the flower fadeth: because the spirit of the LORD bloweth upon it: surely the people *is* grass. ⁸ The grass withereth, the flower fadeth: but the word of our God shall stand for ever.

⁹ * O Zion, that bringest good tidings, get Or, O thou that tellest good tidings to Zion. thee up into the high mountain; * O Je- Or, O thou that tellest good tidings to Jerusalem. rusalem, that bringest good tidings, lift up thy voice with strength; lift *it* up, be not afraid; say unto the cities of Judah, Behold your God? ¹⁰ Behold, the LORD God will come * with strong *hand*, and his arm shall rule Or, against the strong. for him: behold, his reward *is* with him, and * his work before him. ¹¹ He shall feed Or, recompence for his work. his flock like a shepherd: he shall gather the lambs with his arm, and carry *them* in his bosom, and shall gently lead those * that are with Or, that give suck. young.

¹² Who hath measured the waters in the hollow of his hand, and meted out heaven with the span, and

comprehended the dust of the earth in * a Heb. a tierce.
 measure, and weighed the mountains in scales,
 and the hills in a balance? ¹³ Who hath directed
 the Spirit of the LORD, or *being* * his coun- Heb. man of
his counsel.
 sellor hath taught him? ¹⁴ With whom took he
 counsel, and *who* * instructed him, and Heb. made him
understand.
 taught him in the path of judgment, and taught
 him knowledge, and shewed to him the way of
 * understanding? ¹⁵ Behold, the nations *are* Heb. under-
standings.
 as a drop of a bucket, and are counted as the
 small dust of the balance; behold, he taketh up
 the isles as a very little thing. ¹⁶ And Lebanon *is*
 not sufficient to burn, nor the beasts thereof suf-
 ficient for a burnt offering. ¹⁷ All nations before
 him *are* as nothing; and they are counted to him
 less than nothing, and vanity.

¹⁸ To whom then will ye liken God? or what likeness
 will ye compare unto him? ¹⁹ The workman melt-
 eth a graven image, and the goldsmith spreadeth
 it over with gold, and casteth silver chains. ²⁰ He
 that * *is* so impoverished that he hath no Heb. is poor
of oblation.
 oblation chooseth a tree *that* will not rot; he
 seeketh unto him a cunning workman to prepare
 a graven image, *that* shall not be moved.

²¹ Have ye not known? have ye not heard? hath it not
 been told you from the beginning? have ye not
 understood from the foundations of the earth?
²² * *It is* he that sitteth upon the circle of Or, Him that
sitteth, &c.
 the earth, and the inhabitants thereof *are* as grass-
 hoppers; that stretcheth out the heavens as a
 curtain, and spreadeth them out as a tent to dwell
 in: ²³ that bringeth the princes to nothing; he
 maketh the judges of the earth as vanity. ²⁴ Yea,
 they shall not be planted; yea, they shall not be
 sown: yea, their stock shall not take root in the

earth: and he shall also blow upon them, and they shall wither, and the whirlwind shall take them away as stubble.

²⁵ To whom then will ye liken me, or shall I be equal? saith the Holy One. ²⁶ Lift up your eyes on high, and behold who hath created these *things*, that bringeth out their host by number: he calleth them all by names by the greatness of his might, for that *he is* strong in power; not one faileth.

²⁷ Why sayest thou, O Jacob, and speakest, O Israel, My way is hid from the LORD, and my judgment is passed over from my God? ²⁸ Hast thou not known? hast thou not heard, *that* the everlasting God, the LORD, the Creator of the ends of the earth, fainteth not, neither is weary? *there is* no searching of his understanding. ²⁹ He giveth power to the faint; and to *them that have* no might he increaseth strength. ³⁰ Even the youths shall faint and be weary, and the young men shall utterly fall: ³¹ but they that wait upon the LORD shall *renew *their* strength; they shall mount Heb. change. up with wings as eagles; they shall run, and not be weary; *and* they shall walk, and not faint.

XLI. KEEP silence before me, O islands; and let the people renew *their* strength: let them come near; then let them speak; let us come near together to judgment.

² Who raised up *the righteous *man* from the Heb. righteousness. east, called him to his foot, gave the nations before him, and made *him* rule over kings? he gave *them* as the dust to his sword, *and* as driven stubble to his bow. ³ He pursued them, *and* passed *safely; *even* by the way *that* he had not Heb. in peace. gone with his feet. ⁴ Who hath wrought and done *it*, calling the generations from the begin-

ning? I the LORD, the first, and with the last:
I *am* he.

⁵ The isles saw *it*, and feared; the ends of the earth were afraid, drew near, and came. ⁶ They helped every one his neighbour; and *every one* said to his brother, *Be of good courage. ⁷ So the ^{Heb. Be strong.} carpenter encouraged the *goldsmith, *and* Or, *founder*. he that smootheth *with* the hammer *him that ^{Or, the smiting.} smote the anvil, *saying, It is ready for ^{Or, saying of the soder, It is good.} the sodering: and he fastened it with nails, *that* it should not be moved.

⁸ But thou, Israel, *art* my servant, Jacob whom I have chosen, the seed of Abraham my friend. ⁹ *Thou* whom I have taken from the ends of the earth, and called thee from the chief men thereof, and said unto thee, Thou *art* my servant; I have chosen thee, and not cast thee away. ¹⁰ Fear thou not; for I *am* with thee: be not dismayed; for I *am* thy God: I will strengthen thee; yea, I will help thee; yea, I will uphold thee with the right hand of my righteousness. ¹¹ Behold, all they that were incensed against thee shall be ashamed and confounded: they shall be as nothing; and *they that strive ^{Heb. the men of thy strife.} with thee shall perish. ¹² Thou shalt seek them, and shalt not find them, *even* *them that con- ^{Heb. the men of thy contention.} tended with thee: *they that war against ^{Heb. the men of thy war.} thee shall be as nothing, and as a thing of nought. ¹³ For I the LORD thy God will hold thy right hand, saying unto thee, Fear not; I will help thee.

¹⁴ Fear not, thou worm Jacob, *and* ye *men of ^{Or, few men.} Israel; I will help thee, saith the LORD, and thy redeemer, the Holy One of Israel. ¹⁵ Behold, I will make thee a new sharp threshing instrument having *teeth: thou shalt thresh the mountains, ^{Heb. mouths.} and beat *them* small, and shalt make the hills as

chaff. ¹⁶ Thou shalt fan them, and the wind shall carry them away, and the whirlwind shall scatter them: and thou shalt rejoice in the LORD, *and* shalt glory in the Holy One of Israel.

¹⁷ *When* the poor and needy seek water, and *there is* none, *and* their tongue faileth for thirst, I the LORD will hear them, *I* the God of Israel will not forsake them. ¹⁸ I will open rivers in high places, and fountains in the midst of the valleys: I will make the wilderness a pool of water, and the dry land springs of water. ¹⁹ I will plant in the wilderness the cedar, the shittah tree, and the myrtle, and the oil tree; I will set in the desert the fir tree, *and* the pine, and the box tree together: ²⁰ that they may see, and know, and consider, and understand together, that the hand of the LORD hath done this, and the Holy One of Israel hath created it.

²¹ * Produce your cause, saith the LORD; bring ^{Heb. Cause to come near.} forth your strong *reasons*, saith the King of Jacob.

²² Let them bring *them* forth, and shew us what shall happen: let them shew the former things, what they *be*, that we may * consider ^{Heb. set our heart upon them.} them, and know the latter end of them; or declare us things for to come. ²³ Shew the things that are to come hereafter, that we may know that ye *are* gods: yea, do good, or do evil, that we may be dismayed, and behold *it* together. ²⁴ Behold, ye *are* * of nothing, and your work * of nought: ^{Or, worse than nothing.} an abomination *is he that* chooseth you. ^{Or, worse than of a viper.}

²⁵ I have raised up *one* from the north, and he shall come: from the rising of the sun shall he call upon my name: and he shall come upon princes as *upon* mortar, and as the potter treadeth clay. ²⁶ Who hath declared from the beginning, that we may

know? and before time, that we may say, *He is* righteous? yea, *there is* none that sheweth, yea, *there is* none that declareth, yea, *there is* none that heareth your words. ²⁷ The first *shall say* to Zion, Behold, behold them: and I will give to Jerusalem one that bringeth good tidings. ²⁸ For I beheld, and *there was* no man; even among them, and *there was* no counsellor, that, when I asked of them, could *answer a word. ²⁹ Behold, they *are* Heb. return. all vanity; their works *are* nothing: their molten images *are* wind and confusion.

XLII. Behold my servant, whom I uphold; mine elect, *in whom* my soul delighteth; I have put my spirit upon him: he shall bring forth judgment to the Gentiles. ² He shall not cry, nor lift up, nor cause his voice to be heard in the street. ³ A bruised reed shall he not break, and the *smoking Or, dimly burning. flax shall he not *quench: he shall bring Heb. quench it. forth judgment unto truth. ⁴ He shall not fail nor be *discouraged, till he have set judg- Heb. broken. ment in the earth: and the isles shall wait for his law.

⁵ Thus saith God the LORD, he that created the heavens, and stretched them out; he that spread forth the earth, and that which cometh out of it; he that giveth breath unto the people upon it, and spirit to them that walk therein: ⁶ I the LORD have called thee in righteousness, and will hold thine hand, and will keep thee, and give thee for a covenant of the people, for a light of the Gentiles; ⁷ to open the blind eyes, to bring out the prisoners from the prison, *and* them that sit in darkness out of the prison house.

⁸ I *am* the LORD: that *is* my name: and my glory will I not give to another, neither my praise to graven

images. ⁹ Behold, the former things are come to pass, and new things do I declare: before they spring forth I tell you of them.

¹⁰ Sing unto the LORD a new song, *and* his praise from the end of the earth, ye that go down to the sea, and *all that is therein; the isles, and ^{Heb. the fulness thereof.} the inhabitants thereof. ¹¹ Let the wilderness and the cities thereof lift up *their voice*, the villages *that* Kedar doth inhabit: let the inhabitants of the rock sing, let them shout from the top of the mountains. ¹² Let them give glory unto the LORD, and declare his praise in the islands. ¹³ The LORD shall go forth as a mighty man, he shall stir up jealousy like a man of war: he shall cry, yea, roar; he shall *prevail against his enemies. ^{Or, behave himself mightily.}

¹⁴ I have long time holden my peace; I have been still, *and* refrained myself: *now* will I cry like a travailing woman; I will destroy and *devour ^{Heb. swallow, or, sup up.} at once. ¹⁵ I will make waste mountains and hills, and dry up all their herbs; and I will make the rivers islands, and I will dry up the pools. ¹⁶ And I will bring the blind by a way *that* they knew not; I will lead them in paths *that* they have not known: I will make darkness light before them, and crooked things *straight. These things will I do ^{Heb. into straightness.} unto them, and not forsake them.

¹⁷ They shall be turned back, they shall be greatly ashamed, that trust in graven images, that say to the molten images, Ye *are* our gods.

¹⁸ Hear, ye deaf; and look, ye blind, that ye may see. ¹⁹ Who *is* blind, but my servant? or deaf, as my messenger *that* I sent? who *is* blind as *he that is* perfect, and blind as the LORD's servant? ²⁰ Seeing many things, but thou observest not; opening the ears, but he heareth not. ²¹ The LORD is well

pleased for his righteousness' sake; he will magnify the law, and make **it* honourable. Or, him.

²² But this *is* a people robbed and spoiled; **they are* all of them snared in holes, Or, in snaring all the young men of them. and they are hid in prison houses: they are for a prey, and none delivereth; for **a* spoil, Heb. a treading. and none saith, Restore.

²³ Who among you will give ear to this? *who* will hearken and hear **for* the time to come? Heb. for the after time?

²⁴ Who gave Jacob for a spoil, and Israel to the robbers? did not the LORD, he against whom we have sinned? for they would not walk in his ways, neither were they obedient unto his law. ²⁵ Therefore he hath poured upon him the fury of his anger, and the strength of battle: and it hath set him on fire round about, yet he knew not; and it burned him, yet he laid *it* not to heart.

XLIII. But now thus saith the LORD that created thee, O Jacob, and he that formed thee, O Israel, Fear not: for I have redeemed thee, I have called *thee* by thy name; thou *art* mine. ² When thou passest through the waters, I *will be* with thee; and through the rivers, they shall not overflow thee: when thou walkest through the fire, thou shalt not be burned; neither shall the flame kindle upon thee. ³ For I *am* the LORD thy God, the Holy One of Israel, thy Saviour: I gave Egypt *for* thy ransom, Ethiopia and Seba for thee. ⁴ Since thou wast precious in my sight, thou hast been honourable, and I have loved thee: therefore will I give men for thee, and people for thy **life*. ⁵ Fear not: for I *am* with thee: I Or, person. will bring thy seed from the east, and gather thee from the west; ⁶ I will say to the north, Give up; and to the south, Keep not back: bring my sons

from far, and my daughters from the ends of the earth; ⁷ *even* every one that is called by my name: for I have created him for my glory, I have formed him; yea, I have made him.

⁸ Bring forth the blind people that have eyes, and the deaf that have ears. ⁹ Let all the nations be gathered together, and let the people be assembled: who among them can declare this, and shew us former things? let them bring forth their witnesses, that they may be justified: or let them hear, and say, *It is truth.*

¹⁰ Ye *are* my witnesses, saith the LORD, and my servant whom I have chosen: that ye may know and believe me, and understand that I *am* he: before me there was ^{*}no God formed, neither ^{Or, nothing formed of God.} shall there be after me. ¹¹ I, *even* I, *am* the LORD; and beside me *there is* no saviour. ¹² I have declared, and have saved, and I have shewed, when *there was* no strange *god* among you: therefore ye *are* my witnesses, saith the LORD, that I *am* God. ¹³ Yea, before the day *was* I *am* he; and *there is* none that can deliver out of my hand: I will work, and who shall ^{*}let it? ^{Heb. turn it back?}

¹⁴ Thus saith the LORD, your redeemer, the Holy One of Israel; For your sake I have sent to Babylon, and have brought down all their ^{*}nobles, ^{Heb. bars.} and the Chaldeans, whose cry *is* in the ships. ¹⁵ I *am* the LORD, your Holy One, the creator of Israel, your King.

¹⁶ Thus saith the LORD, which maketh a way in the sea, and a path in the mighty waters; ¹⁷ which bringeth forth the chariot and horse, the army and the power: They shall lie down together, they shall not rise: they are extinct, they are quenched as tow. ¹⁸ Remember ye not the former things,

neither consider the things of old. ¹⁹ Behold, I will do a new thing; now it shall spring forth; shall ye not know it? I will even make a way in the wilderness, *and* rivers in the desert. ²⁰ The beast of the field shall honour me, the dragons and the *owls: because I give waters in ^{Or, ostriches. Heb. daughters of the owl.} the wilderness, *and* rivers in the desert, to give drink to my people, my chosen. ²¹ This people have I formed for myself; they shall shew forth my praise.

²² But thou hast not called upon me, O Jacob; but thou hast been weary of me, O Israel. ²³ Thou hast not brought me the *small cattle of ^{Heb. lambs, or, kids.} thy burnt offerings; neither hast thou honoured me with thy sacrifices. I have not caused thee to serve with an offering, nor wearied thee with incense. ²⁴ Thou hast bought me no sweet cane with money, neither hast thou *filled me ^{Heb. made me drunk, or, abundantly moistened.} with the fat of thy sacrifices: but thou hast made me to serve with thy sins, thou hast wearied me with thine iniquities. ²⁵ I, *even* I, *am* he that blot-teth out thy transgressions for mine own sake, and will not remember thy sins.

²⁶ Put me in remembrance: let us plead together: declare thou, that thou mayest be justified. ²⁷ Thy first father hath sinned, and thy *teachers ^{Heb. interpreters.} have transgressed against me. ²⁸ Therefore I have profaned the *princes of the sanctuary, ^{Or, holy princes.} and have given Jacob to the curse, and Israel to reproaches.

XLIV. YET now hear, O Jacob my servant; and Israel, whom I have chosen: ² Thus saith the LORD that made thee, and formed thee from the womb, *which* will help thee; Fear not, O Jacob, my servant; and thou, Jesurun, whom I have chosen.

³ For I will pour water upon him that is thirsty, and floods upon the dry ground: I will pour my Spirit upon thy seed, and my blessing upon thine offspring: ⁴ and they shall spring up *as* among the grass, as willows by the water courses. ⁵ One shall say, *I am* the LORD's; and another shall call *himself* by the name of Jacob; and another shall subscribe *with* his hand unto the LORD, and surname *himself* by the name of Israel.

⁶ Thus saith the LORD the King of Israel, and his redeemer the LORD of hosts; *I am* the first, and *I am* the last; and beside me *there is* no God. ⁷ And who, as I, shall call, and shall declare it, and set it in order for me, since I appointed the ancient people? and the things that are coming, and shall come, let them shew unto them. ⁸ Fear ye not, neither be afraid: have not I told thee from that time, and have declared *it*? ye *are* even my witnesses. Is there a God beside me? yea, *there is* no *God; I know not *any*.

Heb. *rock*.

⁹ They that make a graven image *are* all of them vanity; and their *delectable things shall Heb. *desirable*. not profit; and they *are* their own witnesses; they see not, nor know; that they may be ashamed.

¹⁰ Who hath formed a god, or molten a graven image *that* is profitable for nothing? ¹¹ Behold, all his fellows shall be ashamed: and the workmen, they *are* of men: let them all be gathered together, let them stand up; *yet* they shall fear, *and* they shall be ashamed together.

¹² The smith *with the tongs both worketh in Or, *with an ax*. the coals, and fashioneth it with hammers, and worketh it with the strength of his arms: yea, he is hungry, and his strength faileth: he drinketh no water, and is faint. ¹³ The carpenter stretcheth

out *his* rule; he marketh it out with a line; he fitteth it with planes, and he marketh it out with the compass, and maketh it after the figure of a man, according to the beauty of a man; that it may remain in the house. ¹⁴ He heweth him down cedars, and taketh the cypress and the oak, which he *strengtheneth for himself among the trees Or, taketh courage.

of the forest: he planteth an ash, and the rain doth nourish *it*. ¹⁵ Then shall it be for a man to burn: for he will take thereof, and warm himself; yea, he kindleth *it*, and baketh bread; yea, he maketh a god, and worshippeth *it*; he maketh it a graven image, and falleth down thereto. ¹⁶ He burneth part thereof in the fire; with part thereof he eateth flesh; he roasteth roast, and is satisfied: yea, he warmeth *himself*, and saith, Aha, I am warm, I have seen the fire: ¹⁷ and the residue thereof he maketh a god, *even* his graven image: he falleth down unto it, and worshippeth *it*, and prayeth unto it, and saith, Deliver me; for thou *art* my god.

¹⁸ They have not known nor understood: for he hath *shut their eyes, that they cannot see; *and* Heb. daubed. their hearts, that they cannot understand. ¹⁹ And none *considereth in his heart, neither *is* Heb. setteth to his heart. *there* knowledge nor understanding to say, I have burned part of it in the fire; yea, also I have baked bread upon the coals thereof; I have roasted flesh, and eaten *it*: and shall I make the residue thereof an abomination? shall I fall down to *the Heb. that which comes of a tree? stock of a tree? ²⁰ He feedeth on ashes: a deceived heart hath turned him aside, that he cannot deliver his soul, nor say, *Is there* not a lie in my right hand?

²¹ Remember these, O Jacob and Israel; for thou *art* my servant: I have formed thee; thou *art* my

servant: O Israel, thou shalt not be forgotten of me. ²² I have blotted out, as a thick cloud, thy transgressions, and, as a cloud, thy sins: return unto me; for I have redeemed thee.

²³ Sing, O ye heavens; for the LORD hath done *it*: shout, ye lower parts of the earth: break forth into singing, ye mountains, O forest, and every tree therein: for the LORD hath redeemed Jacob, and glorified himself in Israel.

²⁴ Thus saith the LORD, thy redeemer, and he that formed thee from the womb, I *am* the LORD that maketh all *things*; that stretcheth forth the heavens alone; that spreadeth abroad the earth by myself; ²⁵ that frustrateth the tokens of the liars, and maketh diviners mad; that turneth wise *men* backward, and maketh their knowledge foolish; ²⁶ that confirmeth the word of his servant, and performeth the counsel of his messengers; that saith to Jerusalem, Thou shalt be inhabited; and to the cities of Judah, Ye shall be built, and I will raise up the ^{*}decayed places thereof: ²⁷ that *Heb. wastes.* saith to the deep, Be dry, and I will dry up thy rivers: ²⁸ that saith of Cyrus, *He is* my shepherd, and shall perform all my pleasure: even saying to Jerusalem, Thou shalt be built; and to the temple, Thy foundation shall be laid.

XLV. Thus saith the LORD to his anointed, to Cyrus, whose right hand I have. ^{*}holden, to sub- *Or, strengthened.* due nations before him; and I will loose the loins of kings, to open before him the two leaved gates; and the gates shall not be shut; ² I will go before thee, and make the crooked places straight: I will break in pieces the gates of brass, and cut in sunder the bars of iron: ³ and I will give thee the treasures of darkness, and hidden riches of secret places,

that thou mayest know that I, the LORD, which call *thee* by thy name, *am* the God of Israel.

⁴ For Jacob my servant's sake, and Israel mine elect, I have even called thee by thy name: I have sur-named thee, though thou hast not known me. ⁵ I *am* the LORD, and *there is* none else, *there is* no God beside me: I girded thee, though thou hast not known me: ⁶ that they may know from the rising of the sun, and from the west, that *there is* none beside me. I *am* the LORD, and *there is* none else. ⁷ I form the light, and create darkness: I make peace, and create evil: I the LORD do all these *things*.

⁸ Drop down, ye heavens, from above, and let the skies pour down righteousness: let the earth open, and let them bring forth salvation, and let righteousness spring up together; I the LORD have created it.

⁹ Woe unto him that striveth with his Maker! *Let* the potsherd *strive* with the potsherds of the earth. Shall the clay say to him that fashioneth it, What makest thou? or thy work, He hath no hands? ¹⁰ Woe unto him that saith unto *his* father, What begetteth thou? or to the woman, What hast thou brought forth?

¹¹ Thus saith the LORD, the Holy One of Israel, and his Maker, Ask me of things to come concerning my sons, and concerning the work of my hands command ye me. ¹² I have made the earth, and created man upon it: I, *even* my hands, have stretched out the heavens, and all their host have I commanded. ¹³ I have raised him up in righteousness, and I will *direct all his ways: he ^{Or, make straight.} shall build my city, and he shall let go my captives, not for price nor reward, saith the LORD of hosts.

- ¹⁴ Thus saith the LORD, The labour of Egypt, and merchandise of Ethiopia and of the Sabeans, men of stature, shall come over unto thee, and they shall be thine: they shall come after thee; in chains they shall come over, and they shall fall down unto thee, they shall make supplication unto thee, *saying*, Surely God *is* in thee; and *there is* none else, *there is* no God.
- ¹⁵ Verily thou *art* a God that hidest thyself, O God of Israel, the Saviour. ¹⁶ They shall be ashamed, and also confounded, all of them: they shall go to confusion together *that are* makers of idols. ¹⁷ *But* Israel shall be saved in the LORD with an everlasting salvation: ye shall not be ashamed nor confounded, world without end.
- ¹⁸ For thus saith the LORD that created the heavens; God himself that formed the earth and made it; he hath established it, he created it not in vain, he formed it to be inhabited: I *am* the LORD; and *there is* none else. ¹⁹ I have not spoken in secret, in a dark place of the earth: I said not unto the seed of Jacob, Seek ye me in vain: I the LORD speak righteousness, I declare things that are right.
- ²⁰ Assemble yourselves and come; draw near together, ye *that are* escaped of the nations: they have no knowledge that set up the wood of their graven image, and pray unto a god *that* cannot save.
- ²¹ Tell ye, and bring *them* near; yea, let them take counsel together: who hath declared this from ancient time? *who* hath told it from that time? *have* not I the LORD? and *there is* no God else beside me; a just God and a Saviour; *there is* none beside me. ²² Look unto me, and be ye saved, all the ends of the earth: for I *am* God, and *there is* none else.

²³ I have sworn by myself, the word is gone out of my mouth *in* righteousness, and shall not return, That unto me every knee shall bow, every tongue shall swear. ²⁴ * Surely, shall *one* Or, Surely he shall say of me, In the LORD is all righteousness and strength. Heb. righteousnesses. say, in the LORD have I *righteousness and strength: *even* to him shall *men* come; and all that are incensed against him shall be ashamed. ²⁵ In the LORD shall all the seed of Israel be justified, and shall glory.

XLVI. BEL boweth down, Nebo stoopeth, their idols were upon the beasts, and upon the cattle: your carriages *were* heavy loaden; *they are* a burden to the weary *beast*. ² They stoop, they bow down together; they could not deliver the burden, but *themselves are gone into captivity. Heb. their soul is.

³ Hearken unto me, O house of Jacob, and all the remnant of the house of Israel, which are borne *by me* from the belly, which are carried from the womb: ⁴ and *even* to *your* old age I *am* he: and *even* to hoar hairs will I carry *you*: I have made, and I will bear; even I will carry, and will deliver *you*.

⁵ To whom will ye liken me, and make *me* equal, and compare me, that we may be like? ⁶ They lavish gold out of the bag, and weigh silver in the balance, *and* hire a goldsmith; and he maketh it a god: they fall down, yea, they worship. ⁷ They bear him upon the shoulder, they carry him, and set him in his place, and he standeth; from his place shall he not remove: yea, *one* shall cry unto him, yet can he not answer, nor save him out of his trouble.

⁸ Remember this, and shew yourselves men: bring *it* again to mind, O ye transgressors. ⁹ Remember the former things of old: for I *am* God, and *there*

is none else; *I am* God, and *there is* none like me,
¹⁰ declaring the end from the beginning, and from
 ancient times *the things* that are not *yet* done, say-
 ing, My counsel shall stand, and I will do all my
 pleasure: ¹¹ calling a ravenous bird from the east,
 *the man that executeth my counsel from <sup>Heb. the man
of my counsel.</sup>
 a far country: yea, I have spoken *it*, I will also bring
 it to pass; I have purposed *it*, I will also do it.

¹² Hearken unto me, ye stouthearted, that *are* far from
 righteousness: ¹³ I bring near my righteousness;
 it shall not be far off, and my salvation shall not
 tarry: and I will place salvation in Zion for Israel
 my glory.

XLVII. COME down, and sit in the dust, O virgin
 daughter of Babylon, sit on the ground: *there is*
 no throne, O daughter of the Chaldeans: for thou
 shalt no more be called tender and delicate. ² Take
 the millstones, and grind meal: uncover thy locks,
 make bare the leg, uncover the thigh, pass over
 the rivers. ³ Thy nakedness shall be uncovered,
 yea, thy shame shall be seen: I will take ven-
 geance, and I will not meet *thee as* a man.

⁴ *As for* our redeemer, the LORD of hosts *is* his name,
 the Holy One of Israel. ⁵ Sit thou silent, and get
 thee into darkness, O daughter of the Chaldeans:
 for thou shalt no more be called, The lady of
 kingdoms.

⁶ I was wroth with my people, I have polluted mine
 inheritance, and given them into thine hand: thou
 didst shew them no mercy; upon the ancient hast
 thou very heavily laid thy yoke. ⁷ And thou saidst,
 I shall be a lady for ever: *so* that thou didst not
 lay these *things* to thy heart, neither didst remem-
 ber the latter end of it.

⁸ Therefore hear now this, *thou that art* given to plea-

sures, that dwellest carelessly, that sayest in thine heart, I *am*, and none else beside me; I shall not sit *as* a widow, neither shall I know the loss of children: ⁹ but these two *things* shall come to thee in a moment in one day, the loss of children, and widowhood: they shall come upon thee in their perfection for the multitude of thy sorceries, *and* for the great abundance of thine enchantments.

¹⁰ For thou hast trusted in thy wickedness: thou hast said, None seeth me. Thy wisdom and thy knowledge, it hath ^{*}perversed thee; and ^{Or, caused thee to turn away.} thou hast said in thine heart, I *am*, and none else beside me. ¹¹ Therefore shall evil come upon thee; thou shalt not know ^{*}from whence it ^{Heb. the morning thereof.} riseth: and mischief shall fall upon thee; thou shalt not be able to ^{*}put it off: and desolation shall come upon thee suddenly, *which* thou shalt not know.

¹² Stand now with thine enchantments, and with the multitude of thy sorceries, wherein thou hast laboured from thy youth; if so be thou shalt be able to profit, if so be thou mayest prevail. ¹³ Thou art wearied in the multitude of thy counsels. Let now the ^{*}astrologers, the star-gazers, ^{Heb. viewers of the heavens.} ^{*}the monthly prognosticators, stand ^{Heb. that give knowledge concerning the months.} up, and save thee from *these things* that shall come upon thee. ¹⁴ Behold, they shall be as stubble; the fire shall burn them; they shall not deliver ^{*}themselves from the power of the flame: ^{Heb. their souls.} *there shall not be* a coal to warm at, *nor* fire to sit before it. ¹⁵ Thus shall they be unto thee with whom thou hast laboured, *even* thy merchants, from thy youth: they shall wander every one to his quarter; none shall save thee.

XLVIII. HEAR ye this, O house of Jacob, which are

called by the name of Israel, and are come forth out of the waters of Judah, which swear by the name of the LORD, and make mention of the God of Israel, *but* not in truth, nor in righteousness.

² For they call themselves of the holy city, and stay themselves upon the God of Israel; The LORD of hosts *is* his name. ³ I have declared the former things from the beginning, and they went forth out of my mouth, and I shewed them; I did *them* suddenly, and they came to pass.

⁴ Because I knew that thou *art* ^{*}obstinate, and Heb. hard. thy neck *is* an iron sinew, and thy brow brass;

⁵ I have even from the beginning declared *it* to thee; before it came to pass I shewed *it* thee: lest thou shouldest say, Mine idol hath done them, and my graven image, and my molten image, hath commanded them.

⁶ Thou hast heard, see all this; and will not ye declare *it*? I have shewed thee new things from this time, even hidden things, and thou didst not know them.

⁷ They are created now, and not from the beginning; even before the day when thou heardest them not; lest thou shouldest say, Behold, I knew them. ⁸ Yea, thou heardest not; yea, thou knewest not; yea, from that time *that* thine ear was not opened: for I knew that thou wouldest deal very treacherously, and wast called a transgressor from the womb.

⁹ For my name's sake will I defer mine anger, and for my praise will I refrain for thee, that I cut thee not off. ¹⁰ Behold, I have refined thee, but not ^{*}with silver; I have chosen thee in the

furnace of affliction. ¹¹ For mine own sake, Or, for silver. *even* for mine own sake, will I do *it*: for how should *my name* be polluted? and I will not give my glory unto another.

- ¹² Hearken unto me, O Jacob and Israel, my called; I *am* he; I *am* the first, I also *am* the last. ¹³ Mine hand also hath laid the foundation of the earth, and * my right hand hath spanned Or, the palm of my right hand hath spread out. the heavens: *when* I call unto them, they stand up together. ¹⁴ All ye, assemble yourselves, and hear; which among them hath declared these *things*? The LORD hath loved him: he will do his pleasure on Babylon, and his arm *shall be on* the Chaldeans. ¹⁵ I, *even* I, have spoken; yea, I have called him: I have brought him, and he shall make his way prosperous.
- ¹⁶ Come ye near unto me, hear ye this; I have not spoken in secret from the beginning; from the time that it was, there *am* I: and now the Lord God, and his Spirit, hath sent me.
- ¹⁷ Thus saith the LORD, thy Redeemer, the Holy One of Israel; I *am* the LORD thy God which teacheth thee to profit, which leadeth thee by the way *that* thou shouldest go. ¹⁸ O that thou hadst hearkened to my commandments! then had thy peace been as a river, and thy righteousness as the waves of the sea: ¹⁹ thy seed also had been as the sand, and the offspring of thy bowels like the gravel thereof; his name should not have been cut off nor destroyed from before me.
- ²⁰ Go ye forth of Babylon, flee ye from the Chaldeans, with a voice of singing declare ye, tell this, utter it *even* to the end of the earth; say ye, The LORD hath redeemed his servant Jacob. ²¹ And they thirsted not *when* he led them through the deserts: he caused the waters to flow out of the rock for them: he clave the rock also, and the waters gushed out. ²² *There is* no peace, saith the LORD, unto the wicked.

XLIX. LISTEN, O isles, unto me; and hearken, ye people, from far; The LORD hath called me from the womb; from the bowels of my mother hath he made mention of my name. ²And he hath made my mouth like a sharp sword; in the shadow of his hand hath he hid me, and made me a polished shaft; in his quiver hath he hid me; ³and said unto me, Thou *art* my servant, O Israel, in whom I will be glorified.

⁴Then I said, I have laboured in vain, I have spent my strength for nought, and in vain: *yet* surely my judgment *is* with the LORD, and ^{*}my Or, my reward. work with my God.

⁵And now, saith the LORD that formed me from the womb *to be* his servant, to bring Jacob again to him, ^{*}Though Israel be not gathered, Or, That Israel may be gathered to him, and I may, &c. yet shall I be glorious in the eyes of the LORD, and my God shall be my strength. ⁶And he said, ^{*}It is a light thing that thou Or, Art thou lighter than that thou shouldst, &c. shouldest be my servant to raise up the tribes of Jacob, and to restore the ^{*}preserved of Or, desolations. Israel: I will also give thee for a light to the Gentiles, that thou mayest be my salvation unto the end of the earth.

⁷Thus saith the LORD, the Redeemer of Israel, *and* his Holy One, ^{*}to him whom man de- Or, to him that is despised in soul. spiseth, to him whom the nation abhorreth, to a servant of rulers, Kings shall see and arise, princes also shall worship, because of the LORD that is faithful, *and* the Holy One of Israel, and he shall choose thee.

⁸Thus saith the LORD, In an acceptable time have I heard thee, and in a day of salvation have I helped thee: and I will preserve thee, and give thee for a covenant of the people, to ^{*}establish the Or, raise up.

earth, to cause to inherit the desolate heritages; ⁹ that thou mayest say to the prisoners, Go forth; to them that *are* in darkness, Shew yourselves. They shall feed in the ways, and their pastures *shall be* in all high places. ¹⁰ They shall not hunger nor thirst; neither shall the heat nor sun smite them: for he that hath mercy on them shall lead them, even by the springs of water shall he guide them. ¹¹ And I will make all my mountains a way, and my highways shall be exalted. ¹² Behold, these shall come from far: and, lo, these from the north and from the west; and these from the land of Sinim.

¹³ Sing, O heavens; and be joyful, O earth; and break forth into singing, O mountains: for the LORD hath comforted his people, and will have mercy upon his afflicted.

¹⁴ But Zion said, The LORD hath forsaken me, and my Lord hath forgotten me. ¹⁵ Can a woman forget her sucking child, * that she should ^{Heb. from having compassion.} not have compassion on the son of her womb? yea, they may forget, yet will I not forget thee.

¹⁶ Behold, I have graven thee upon the palms of *my* hands; thy walls *are* continually before me.

¹⁷ Thy children shall make haste; thy destroyers and they that made thee waste shall go forth of thee.

¹⁸ Lift up thine eyes round about, and behold: all these gather themselves together, *and* come to thee. *As* I live, saith the LORD, thou shalt surely clothe thee with them all, as with an ornament, and bind them *on thee*, as a bride *doeth*. ¹⁹ For thy waste and thy desolate places, and the land of thy destruction, shall even now be too narrow by reason of the inhabitants, and they that swallowed

thee up shall be far away. ²⁰ The children which thou shalt have, after thou hast lost the other, shall say again in thine ears, The place *is* too strait for me: give place to me that I may dwell. ²¹ Then shalt thou say in thine heart, Who hath begotten me these, seeing I have lost my children, and am desolate, a captive, and removing to and fro? and who hath brought up these? Behold, I was left alone; these, where *had* they *been*?

²² Thus saith the Lord God, Behold, I will lift up mine hand to the Gentiles, and set up my standard to the people: and they shall bring thy sons in *their* *arms, and thy daughters shall be Heb. bosom. carried upon *their* shoulders. ²³ And kings shall be thy *nursing fathers, and their *queens Heb. nourishers.
Heb. princesses. thy nursing mothers: they shall bow down to thee with *their* face toward the earth, and lick up the dust of thy feet; and thou shalt know that I *am* the LORD: for they shall not be ashamed that wait for me.

²⁴ Shall the prey be taken from the mighty, or *the lawful captive delivered? ²⁵ But thus Heb. the captivity of
the just. saith the LORD, Even the *captives of the Heb. captivity. mighty shall be taken away, and the prey of the terrible shall be delivered: for I will contend with him that contendeth with thee, and I will save thy children. ²⁶ And I will feed them that oppress thee with their own flesh; and they shall be drunken with their own blood, as with *sweet Or, new
wine. wine: and all flesh shall know that I the LORD *am* thy Saviour, and thy Redeemer, the mighty One of Jacob.

L. Thus saith the LORD, Where *is* the bill of your mother's divorcement, whom I have put away? or which of my creditors *is it* to whom I have

sold you? Behold, for your iniquities have ye sold yourselves, and for your transgressions is your mother put away. ² Wherefore, when I came, *was there* no man? when I called, *was there* none to answer? Is my hand shortened at all, that it cannot redeem? or have I no power to deliver? Behold, at my rebuke I dry up the sea, I make the rivers a wilderness: their fish stinketh, because *there is* no water, and dieth for thirst. ³ I clothe the heavens with blackness, and I make sackcloth their covering.

⁴ The Lord God hath given me the tongue of the learned, that I should know how to speak a word in season to *him that is* weary: he wakeneth morning by morning, he wakeneth mine ear to hear as the learned. ⁵ The Lord God hath opened mine ear, and I was not rebellious, neither turned away back. ⁶ I gave my back to the smiters, and my cheeks to them that plucked off the hair: I hid not my face from shame and spitting. ⁷ For the Lord God will help me; therefore shall I not be confounded: therefore have I set my face like a flint, and I know that I shall not be ashamed.

⁸ *He is* near that justifieth me; who will contend with me? let us stand together: who *is* ^{*} mine adversary? let him come near to me. Heb. the master of my cause?

⁹ Behold, the Lord God will help me; who *is* he *that* shall condemn me? lo, they all shall wax old as a garment; the moth shall eat them up.

¹⁰ Who *is* among you that feareth the LORD, that obeyeth the voice of his servant, that walketh in darkness, and hath no light? let him trust in the name of the LORD, and stay upon his God. ¹¹ Behold, all ye that kindle a fire, that compass *your-selves* about with sparks: walk in the light of your

fire, and in the sparks *that* ye have kindled. This shall ye have of mine hand; ye shall lie down in sorrow.

LI. HEARKEN to me, ye that follow after righteousness, ye that seek the LORD: look unto the rock *whence* ye are hewn, and to the hole of the pit *whence* ye are digged. ² Look unto Abraham your father, and unto Sarah *that* bare you: for I called him alone, and blessed him, and increased him. ³ For the LORD shall comfort Zion: he will comfort all her waste places; and he will make her wilderness like Eden, and her desert like the garden of the LORD; joy and gladness shall be found therein, thanksgiving, and the voice of melody.

⁴ Hearken unto me, my people; and give ear unto me, O my nation: for a law shall proceed from me, and I will make my judgment to rest for a light of the people. ⁵ My righteousness *is* near; my salvation is gone forth, and mine arms shall judge the people; the isles shall wait upon me, and on mine arm shall they trust. ⁶ Lift up your eyes to the heavens, and look upon the earth beneath: for the heavens shall vanish away like smoke, and the earth shall wax old like a garment, and they that dwell therein shall die in like manner: but my salvation shall be for ever, and my righteousness shall not be abolished.

⁷ Hearken unto me, ye that know righteousness, the people in whose heart *is* my law; fear ye not the reproach of men, neither be ye afraid of their revilings. ⁸ For the moth shall eat them up like a garment, and the worm shall eat them like wool: but my righteousness shall be for ever, and my salvation from generation to generation.

⁹ Awake, awake, put on strength, O arm of the LORD;

awake, as in the ancient days, in the generations of old. *Art* thou not it that hath cut Rahab, *and* wounded the dragon? ¹⁰ *Art* thou not it which hath dried the sea, the waters of the great deep; that hath made the depths of the sea a way for the ransomed to pass over? ¹¹ Therefore the redeemed of the LORD shall return, and come with singing unto Zion; and everlasting joy *shall be* upon their head; they shall obtain gladness and joy; *and* sorrow and mourning shall flee away.

¹² I, *even* I, *am* he that comforteth you: who *art* thou, that thou shouldest be afraid of a man *that* shall die, and of the son of man *which* shall be made *as* grass; ¹³ and forgettest the LORD thy maker, that hath stretched forth the heavens, and laid the foundations of the earth; and hast feared continually every day because of the fury of the oppressor, as if he ^{*}were ready to destroy? Or, made himself ready. and where *is* the fury of the oppressor? ¹⁴ The captive exile hasteneth that he may be loosed, and that he should not die in the pit, nor that his bread should fail.

¹⁵ But I *am* the LORD thy God, that divided the sea, whose waves roared: The LORD of hosts *is* his name. ¹⁶ And I have put my words in thy mouth, and I have covered thee in the shadow of mine hand, that I may plant the heavens, and lay the foundations of the earth, and say unto Zion, Thou *art* my people.

¹⁷ Awake, awake, stand up, O Jerusalem, which hast drunk at the hand of the LORD the cup of his fury; thou hast drunken the dregs of the cup of trembling, *and* wrung *them* out. ¹⁸ *There is* none to guide her among all the sons *whom* she hath brought forth; neither *is there any* that taketh

her by the hand of all the sons *that* she hath brought up. ¹⁹ These two *things* *are come ^{Heb. hap-pened.} unto thee; who shall be sorry for thee? desolation, and *destruction, and the famine, ^{Heb. breaking.} and the sword: by whom shall I comfort thee? ²⁰ Thy sons have fainted, they lie at the head of all the streets, as a wild bull in a net: they are full of the fury of the LORD, the rebuke of thy God.

²¹ Therefore hear now this, thou afflicted, and drunken, but not with wine: ²² thus saith thy Lord, the LORD, and thy God *that* pleadeth the cause of his people, Behold, I have taken out of thine hand the cup of trembling, *even* the dregs of the cup of my fury; thou shalt no more drink it again: ²³ but I will put it into the hand of them that afflict thee; which have said to thy soul, Bow down, that we may go over: and thou hast laid thy body as the ground, and as the street, to them that went over.

LII. Awake, awake; put on thy strength, O Zion; put on thy beautiful garments, O Jerusalem, the holy city: for henceforth there shall no more come into thee the uncircumcised and the unclean. ² Shake thyself from the dust; arise, *and* sit down, O Jerusalem: loose thyself from the bands of thy neck, O captive daughter of Zion.

³ For thus saith the LORD, Ye have sold yourselves for nought; and ye shall be redeemed without money. ⁴ For thus saith the Lord God, My people went down aforetime into Egypt to sojourn there; and the Assyrian oppressed them without cause. ⁵ Now therefore, what have I here, saith the LORD, that my people is taken away for nought? they that rule over them make them to howl, saith the LORD; and my name continually every day is

blasphemed. ⁶ Therefore my people shall know my name: therefore *they shall know* in that day that I *am* he that doth speak: behold, *it is* I.

⁷ How beautiful upon the mountains are the feet of him that bringeth good tidings, that publisheth peace; that bringeth good tidings of good, that publisheth salvation; that saith unto Zion, Thy God reigneth! ⁸ Thy watchmen shall lift up the voice; with the voice together shall they sing: for they shall see eye to eye, when the LORD shall bring again Zion. ⁹ Break forth into joy, sing together, ye waste places of Jerusalem: for the LORD hath comforted his people, he hath redeemed Jerusalem. ¹⁰ The LORD hath made bare his holy arm in the eyes of all the nations; and all the ends of the earth shall see the salvation of our God.

¹¹ Depart ye, depart ye, go ye out from thence, touch no unclean *thing*; go ye out of the midst of her; be ye clean, that bear the vessels of the LORD.

¹² For ye shall not go out with haste, nor go by flight: for the LORD will go before you; and the God of Israel *will* *be your rereward.

Heb. gather you up.

¹³ BEHOLD, my servant shall *deal prudently, *Or, prosper.* he shall be exalted and extolled, and be very high. ¹⁴ As many were astonished at thee; his visage was so marred more than any man, and his form more than the sons of men: ¹⁵ so shall he sprinkle many nations; the kings shall shut their mouths at him: for *that* which had not been told them shall they see; and *that* which they had not heard shall they consider.

LIII. Who hath believed our *report? and *Or, doctrine. Heb. hearing.* to whom is the arm of the LORD revealed? ² For he shall grow up before him as a tender plant,

and as a root out of a dry ground: he hath no form nor comeliness; and when we shall see him, *there is* no beauty that we should desire him. ³ He is despised and rejected of men; a man of sorrows, and acquainted with grief: and *we hid as it were *our* faces from him; he was despised, and we esteemed him not.

Or, he hid as it were his face from us. Heb. as an hiding of faces from him, or, from us.

⁴ Surely he hath borne our griefs, and carried our sorrows: yet we did esteem him stricken, smitten of God, and afflicted. ⁵ But he *was* *wounded for our transgressions, *he was* bruised for our iniquities: the chastisement of our peace *was* upon him: and with his *stripes we are healed. *Heb. bruise.*

Or, tormented.

⁶ All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned every one to his own way; and the LORD *hath laid on him the iniquity of us all.

Heb. hath made the iniquities of us all to meet on him.

⁷ He was oppressed, and he was afflicted, yet he opened not his mouth: he is brought as a lamb to the slaughter, and as a sheep before her shearers is dumb, so he openeth not his mouth.

⁸ * He was taken from prison and from judgment: and who shall declare his generation? for he was cut off out of the land of the living: for the transgression of my people *was he stricken. ⁹ And he made his grave with the wicked, and with the rich in his *death; because he had done no violence, neither *was any* deceit in his mouth.

Or, He was taken away by distress and judgment:—but, &c.

Heb. was the stroke upon him.

Heb. deaths.

¹⁰ Yet it pleased the LORD to bruise him; he hath put *him* to grief: *when thou shalt make his soul an offering for sin, he shall see *his* seed, he shall prolong *his* days, and the pleasure of the LORD shall prosper in his hand.

Or, when his soul shall make an offering.

¹¹ He shall see of the travail of his soul, *and* shall be satisfied: by his knowledge shall my righteous servant justify many; for he shall bear their iniquities. ¹² Therefore will I divide him *a portion* with the great, and he shall divide the spoil with the strong; because he hath poured out his soul unto death: and he was numbered with the transgressors; and he bare the sin of many, and made intercession for the transgressors.

LIV. SING, O barren, thou *that* didst not bear; break forth into singing, and cry aloud, thou *that* didst not travail with child: for more *are* the children of the desolate than the children of the married wife, saith the LORD. ² Enlarge the place of thy tent, and let them stretch forth the curtains of thine habitations: spare not, lengthen thy cords, and strengthen thy stakes; ³ for thou shalt break forth on the right hand and on the left; and thy seed shall inherit the Gentiles, and make the desolate cities to be inhabited.

⁴ Fear not, for thou shalt not be ashamed: neither be thou confounded; for thou shalt not be put to shame: for thou shalt forget the shame of thy youth, and shalt not remember the reproach of thy widowhood any more. ⁵ For thy Maker *is* thine husband; the LORD of hosts *is* his name; and thy Redeemer the Holy One of Israel; The God of the whole earth shall he be called. ⁶ For the LORD hath called thee as a woman forsaken and grieved in spirit, and a wife of youth, when thou wast refused, saith thy God.

⁷ For a small moment have I forsaken thee; but with great mercies will I gather thee. ⁸ In a little wrath I hid my face from thee for a moment; but with everlasting kindness will I have mercy on thee,

saith the LORD thy Redeemer. ⁹ For this *is as* the waters of Noah unto me: for *as* I have sworn that the waters of Noah should no more go over the earth; so have I sworn that I would not be wroth with thee, nor rebuke thee. ¹⁰ For the mountains shall depart, and the hills be removed; but my kindness shall not depart from thee, neither shall the covenant of my peace be removed, saith the LORD that hath mercy on thee.

¹¹ O thou afflicted, tossed with tempest, *and* not comforted, behold, I will lay thy stones with fair colours, and lay thy foundations with sapphires. ¹² And I will make thy windows of agates, and thy gates of carbuncles, and all thy borders of pleasant stones. ¹³ And all thy children *shall be* taught of the LORD; and great *shall be* the peace of thy children.

¹⁴ In righteousness shalt thou be established: thou shalt be far from oppression; for thou shalt not fear: and from terror; for it shall not come near thee.

¹⁵ Behold, they shall surely gather together, *but* not by me: whosoever shall gather together against thee shall fall for thy sake. ¹⁶ Behold, I have created the smith that bloweth the coals in the fire, and that bringeth forth an instrument for his work; and I have created the waster to destroy.

¹⁷ No weapon that is formed against thee shall prosper; and every tongue *that* shall rise against thee in judgment thou shalt condemn. This *is* the heritage of the servants of the LORD, and their righteousness *is* of me, saith the LORD.

LV. Ho, every one that thirsteth, come ye to the waters, and he that hath no money; come ye, buy, and eat; yea, come, buy wine and milk without money and without price. ² Wherefore do ye **spend money for that which is not bread?* Heb. *weigh*.

and your labour for *that which* satisfieth not? hearken diligently unto me, and eat ye *that which* is good, and let your soul delight itself in fatness.

³ Incline your ear, and come unto me: hear, and your soul shall live; and I will make an everlasting covenant with you, *even* the sure mercies of David.

⁴ Behold, I have given him *for* a witness to the people, a leader and commander to the people.

⁵ Behold, thou shalt call a nation *that* thou knowest not, and nations *that* knew not thee shall run unto thee because of the LORD thy God, and for the Holy One of Israel; for he hath glorified thee.

⁶ Seek ye the LORD while he may be found, call ye upon him while he is near: ⁷ let the wicked forsake his way, and *the unrighteous man ^{Heb. the man of iniquity.} his thoughts: and let him return unto the LORD, and he will have mercy upon him; and to our God, for *he will abundantly pardon. ^{Heb. he will multiply to pardon.}

⁸ For my thoughts *are* not your thoughts, neither *are* your ways my ways, saith the LORD. ⁹ For *as* the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways, and my thoughts than your thoughts.

¹⁰ For as the rain cometh down, and the snow from heaven, and returneth not thither, but watereth the earth, and maketh it bring forth and bud, that it may give seed to the sower, and bread to the eater: ¹¹ so shall my word be that goeth forth out of my mouth: it shall not return unto me void, but it shall accomplish that which I please, and it shall prosper *in the thing* whereto I sent it. ¹² For ye shall go out with joy, and be led forth with peace: the mountains and the hills shall break forth before you into singing, and all the trees of the field shall clap *their* hands. ¹³ Instead of the

thorn shall come up the fir tree, and instead of the brier shall come up the myrtle tree: and it shall be to the LORD for a name, for an everlasting sign *that* shall not be cut off.

LVI. Thus saith the LORD, Keep ye *judgment, *Or, equity.* and do justice: for my salvation *is* near to come, and my righteousness to be revealed. ² Blessed *is* the man *that* doeth this, and the son of man *that* layeth hold on it; that keepeth the sabbath from polluting it, and keepeth his hand from doing any evil.

³ Neither let the son of the stranger, that hath joined himself to the LORD, speak, saying, The LORD hath utterly separated me from his people: neither let the eunuch say, Behold, *I am* a dry tree. ⁴ For thus saith the LORD unto the eunuchs that keep my sabbaths, and choose *the things* that please me, and take hold of my covenant; ⁵ even unto them will I give in mine house and within my walls a place and a name better than of sons and of daughters: I will give them an everlasting name, that shall not be cut off.

⁶ Also the sons of the stranger, that join themselves to the LORD, to serve him, and to love the name of the LORD, to be his servants, every one that keepeth the sabbath from polluting it, and taketh hold of my covenant; ⁷ even them will I bring to my holy mountain, and make them joyful in my house of prayer: their burnt offerings and their sacrifices *shall be* accepted upon mine altar; for mine house shall be called an house of prayer for all people.

⁸ The LORD God which gathereth the outcasts of Israel saith, Yet will I gather *others* to him, *beside those that are gathered unto him.

Heb. to his gathered.

⁹ All ye beasts of the field, come to devour, *yea*, all ye

beasts in the forest. ¹⁰ His watchmen *are* blind: they are all ignorant, they *are* all dumb dogs, they cannot bark; *sleeping, lying down, ^{Or, dreaming, or, talking in their sleep.} loving to slumber. ¹¹ Yea, *they are* *greedy ^{Heb. strong of appetite.} dogs *which* *can never have enough, and ^{Heb. know not to be satisfied.} they *are* shepherds *that* cannot understand: they all look to their own way, every one for his gain, from his quarter. ¹² Come ye, *say they*, I will fetch wine, and we will fill ourselves with strong drink; and to morrow shall be as this day, *and* much more abundant.

LVII. THE righteous perisheth, and no man layeth *it* to heart: and *merciful men *are* taken ^{Heb. men of kindness, or, godliness.} away, none considering that the righteous is taken away *from the evil *to come*. ² He shall ^{Or, from that which is evil.} *enter into peace: they shall rest in their ^{Or, go in peace.} beds, *each one* walking *in his uprightness. ^{Or, before him.}

³ But draw near hither, ye sons of the sorceress, the seed of the adulterer and the whore. ⁴ Against whom do ye sport yourselves? against whom make ye a wide mouth, *and* draw out the tongue? *are* ye not children of transgression, a seed of falsehood, ⁵ enflaming yourselves *with idols ^{Or, among the oaks.} under every green tree, slaying the children in the valleys under the cliffs of the rocks? ⁶ Among the smooth *stones* of the stream *is* thy portion; they, they *are* thy lot: even to them hast thou poured a drink offering, thou hast offered a meat offering. Should I receive comfort in these?

⁷ Upon a lofty and high mountain hast thou set thy bed: even thither wentest thou up to offer sacrifice. ⁸ Behind the doors also and the posts hast thou set up thy remembrance: for thou hast discovered *thyself* *to another* than me, and art gone up; thou hast enlarged thy bed, and

* made thee *a covenant* with them ; Or, hewed it for thyself larger than theirs.
 thou lovedst their bed * where thou Or, thou providedest room.
 sawest *it*. ⁹ And * thou wentest to the Or, thou respectedst the king.
 king with ointment, and didst increase thy perfumes, and didst send thy messengers far off, and didst debase *thyself even* unto hell.

¹⁰ Thou art wearied in the greatness of thy way ; *yet* saidst thou not, There is no hope : thou hast found the * life of thine hand ; therefore thou wast Or, living. not grieved.

¹¹ And of whom hast thou been afraid or feared, that thou hast lied, and hast not remembered me, nor laid *it* to thy heart ? have not I held my peace, even of old, and thou fearest me not ? ¹² I will declare thy righteousness, and thy works, for they shall not profit thee. ¹³ When thou criest, let thy companies deliver thee ; but the wind shall carry them all away ; vanity shall take *them* : but he that putteth his trust in me shall possess the land, and shall inherit my holy mountain ; ¹⁴ and shall say, Cast ye up, cast ye up, prepare the way, take up the stumblingblock out of the way of my people.

¹⁵ For thus saith the high and lofty One that inhabiteth eternity, whose name *is* Holy ; I dwell in the high and holy *place*, with him also *that is* of a contrite and humble spirit, to revive the spirit of the humble, and to revive the heart of the contrite ones. ¹⁶ For I will not contend for ever, neither will I be always wroth : for the spirit should fail before me, and the souls *which* I have made.

¹⁷ For the iniquity of his covetousness was I wroth, and smote him : I hid me, and was wroth, and he went on * frowardly in the way of his Heb. turning away. heart. ¹⁸ I have seen his ways, and will heal him :

I will lead him also, and restore comforts unto him and to his mourners. ¹⁹ I create the fruit of the lips; Peace, peace to *him that is far off*, and to *him that is near*, saith the LORD; and I will heal him. ²⁰ But the wicked *are* like the troubled sea when it cannot rest, whose waters cast up mire and dirt. ²¹ *There is* no peace, saith my God, to the wicked.

LVIII. CRY *aloud, spare not, lift up thy ^{Heb. with the throat.} voice like a trumpet, and shew my people their transgression, and the house of Jacob their sins. ² Yet they seek me daily, and delight to know my ways, as a nation that did righteousness, and forsook not the ordinance of their God: they ask of me the ordinances of justice; they take delight in approaching to God. ³ Wherefore have we fasted, *say they*, and thou seest not? *wherefore* have we afflicted our soul, and thou takest no knowledge?

⁴ Behold, in the day of your fast ye find pleasure, and exact all your *labours. ⁴ Behold, ^{Or, things wherewith ye grieve others. Heb. griefs.} ye fast for strife and debate, and to smite with the fist of wickedness: *ye shall not fast ^{Or, ye fast not as this day.} as *ye do this* day, to make your voice to be heard on high.

⁵ Is it such a fast that I have chosen? *a day ^{Or, to afflict his soul for a day.} for a man to afflict his soul? *is it* to bow down his head as a bulrush, and to spread sackcloth and ashes *under him*? wilt thou call this a fast, and an acceptable day to the LORD? ⁶ *Is* not this the fast that I have chosen? to loose the bands of wickedness, to undo *the heavy burdens, and to ^{Or, the bundles of the yoke.} let the *oppressed go free, and that ye ^{Heb. broken.} break every yoke? ⁷ *Is it* not to deal thy bread to the hungry, and that thou bring the poor that are

*cast out to thy house? when thou seest Or, afflicted. the naked, that thou cover him; and that thou hide not thyself from thine own flesh?

⁸ Then shall thy light break forth as the morning, and thine health shall spring forth speedily: and thy righteousness shall go before thee; the glory of the LORD *shall be thy rereward. ⁹ Then Heb. shall gather thee up. shalt thou call, and the LORD shall answer; thou shalt cry, and he shall say, Here I *am*. If thou take away from the midst of thee the yoke, the putting forth of the finger, and speaking vanity; ¹⁰ and *if* thou draw out thy soul to the hungry, and satisfy the afflicted soul; then shall thy light rise in obscurity, and thy darkness *be* as the noon day: ¹¹ and the LORD shall guide thee continually, and satisfy thy soul in *drought, and Heb. droughts. make fat thy bones: and thou shalt be like a watered garden, and like a spring of water, whose waters *fail not. ¹² And *they that shall be* Heb. lie, or, deceive. of thee shall build the old waste places: thou shalt raise up the foundations of many generations; and thou shalt be called, The repairer of the breach, The restorer of paths to dwell in.

¹³ If thou turn away thy foot from the sabbath, *from* doing thy pleasure on my holy day; and call the sabbath a delight, the holy of the LORD, honourable; and shalt honour him, not doing thine own ways, nor finding thine own pleasure, nor speaking *thine own* words: ¹⁴ then shalt thou delight thyself in the LORD; and I will cause thee to ride upon the high places of the earth, and feed thee with the heritage of Jacob thy father: for the mouth of the LORD hath spoken *it*.

LIX. Behold, the LORD's hand is not shortened, that it cannot save; neither his ear heavy, that it cannot

hear: ²but your iniquities have separated between you and your God, and your sins ^{*}have Or, have made him hide. hid *his* face from you, that he will not hear.

³For your hands are defiled with blood, and your fingers with iniquity; your lips have spoken lies, your tongue hath muttered perverseness.

⁴None calleth for justice, nor *any* pleadeth for truth: they trust in vanity, and speak lies; they conceive mischief, and bring forth iniquity. ⁵They hatch ^{*}cockatrice' eggs, and weave the spider's Or, adders'. web: he that eateth of their eggs dieth, and ^{*}that which is crushed breaketh out into Or, that which is sprinkled is as if there brake out a viper. a viper. ⁶Their webs shall not become garments, neither shall they cover themselves with their works: their works *are* works of iniquity, and the act of violence *is* in their hands. ⁷Their feet run to evil, and they make haste to shed innocent blood: their thoughts *are* thoughts of iniquity; wasting and ^{*}destruction *are* Heb. breaking. in their paths. ⁸The way of peace they know not; and *there is* no ^{*}judgment in their goings: Or, right. they have made them crooked paths: whosoever goeth therein shall not know peace.

⁹Therefore is judgment far from us, neither doth justice overtake us: we wait for light, but behold obscurity; for brightness, *but* we walk in darkness.

¹⁰We grope for the wall like the blind, and we grope as if *we had* no eyes: we stumble at noon day as in the night; *we are* in desolate places as dead *men*.

¹¹We roar all like bears, and mourn sore like doves: we look for judgment, but *there is* none; for salvation, *but* it is far off from us.

¹²For our transgressions are multiplied before thee, and our sins testify against us: for our transgressions *are* with us; and *as for* our iniquities, we

know them; ¹³ in transgressing and lying against the LORD, and departing away from our God, speaking oppression and revolt, conceiving and uttering from the heart words of falsehood. ¹⁴ And judgment is turned away backward, and justice standeth afar off: for truth is fallen in the street, and equity cannot enter. ¹⁵ Yea, truth faileth; and he *that* departeth from evil *maketh Or, is accounted mad. himself a prey.

And the LORD saw *it*, and *it displeased him Heb. it was evil in his eyes. that *there was* no judgment. ¹⁶ And he saw that *there was* no man, and wondered that *there was* no intercessor: therefore his arm brought salvation unto him; and his righteousness, it sustained him. ¹⁷ For he put on righteousness as a breastplate, and an helmet of salvation upon his head; and he put on the garments of vengeance *for* clothing, and was clad with zeal as a cloke.

¹⁸ According to *their* *deeds, accordingly he Heb. recompences. will repay, fury to his adversaries, recompence to his enemies; to the islands he will repay recompence. ¹⁹ So shall they fear the name of the LORD from the west, and his glory from the rising of the sun. When the enemy shall come in like a flood, the Spirit of the LORD shall *lift up a stan- Or, put him to flight. dard against him. ²⁰ And the Redeemer shall come to Zion, and unto them that turn from transgression in Jacob, saith the LORD.

²¹ As for me, this *is* my covenant with them, saith the LORD; My Spirit that *is* upon thee, and my words which I have put in thy mouth, shall not depart out of thy mouth, nor out of the mouth of thy seed, nor out of the mouth of thy seed's seed, saith the LORD, from henceforth and for ever.

LX. ARISE, *shine; for thy light is come, Or, be enlightened; for thy light is come. and the glory of the LORD is risen upon thee.

² For, behold, the darkness shall cover the earth, and gross darkness the people: but the LORD shall arise upon thee, and his glory shall be seen upon thee. ³ And the Gentiles shall come to thy light, and kings to the brightness of thy rising.

⁴ Lift up thine eyes round about, and see: all they gather themselves together, they come to thee: thy sons shall come from far, and thy daughters shall be nursed at *thy* side. ⁵ Then thou shalt see, and flow together, and thine heart shall fear, and be enlarged; because the *abundance of Or, noise of the sea shall be turned toward thee. the sea shall be converted unto thee, the *forces of the Gentiles shall come unto thee. Or, wealth.

⁶ The multitude of camels shall cover thee, the dromedaries of Midian and Ephah; all they from Sheba shall come: they shall bring gold and incense: and they shall shew forth the praises of the LORD. ⁷ All the flocks of Kedar shall be gathered together unto thee, the rams of Nebaioth shall minister unto thee: they shall come up with acceptance on mine altar, and I will glorify the house of my glory.

⁸ Who *are* these *that* fly as a cloud, and as the doves to their windows? ⁹ Surely the isles shall wait for me, and the ships of Tarshish first, to bring thy sons from far, their silver and their gold with them, unto the name of the LORD thy God, and to the Holy One of Israel, because he hath glorified thee.

¹⁰ And the sons of strangers shall build up thy walls, and their kings shall minister unto thee: for in my wrath I smote thee, but in my favour have I had mercy on thee. ¹¹ Therefore thy gates shall

be open continually; they shall not be shut day nor night; that *men* may bring unto thee the *forces of the Gentiles, and *that* their kings or, *wealth*. *may be brought.* ¹² For the nation and kingdom that will not serve thee shall perish; yea, *those* nations shall be utterly wasted.

¹³ The glory of Lebanon shall come unto thee, the fir tree, the pine tree, and the box together, to beautify the place of my sanctuary; and I will make the place of my feet glorious.

¹⁴ The sons also of them that afflicted thee shall come bending unto thee; and all they that despised thee shall bow themselves down at the soles of thy feet; and they shall call thee, The city of the LORD, The Zion of the Holy One of Israel. ¹⁵ Whereas thou hast been forsaken and hated, so that no man went through *thee*, I will make thee an eternal excellency, a joy of many generations.

¹⁶ Thou shalt also suck the milk of the Gentiles, and shalt suck the breast of kings: and thou shalt know that I the LORD *am* thy Saviour and thy Redeemer, the mighty One of Jacob. ¹⁷ For brass I will bring gold, and for iron I will bring silver, and for wood brass, and for stones iron: I will also make thy officers peace, and thine exactors righteousness.

¹⁸ Violence shall no more be heard in thy land, wasting nor destruction within thy borders; but thou shalt call thy walls Salvation, and thy gates Praise.

¹⁹ The sun shall be no more thy light by day; neither for brightness shall the moon give light unto thee: but the LORD shall be unto thee an everlasting light, and thy God thy glory. ²⁰ Thy sun shall no more go down; neither shall thy moon withdraw itself: for the LORD shall be thine ever-

lasting light, and the days of thy mourning shall be ended.

²¹ Thy people also *shall be* all righteous: they shall inherit the land for ever, the branch of my planting, the work of my hands, that I may be glorified.

²² A little one shall become a thousand, and a small one a strong nation: I the LORD will hasten it in his time.

LXI. THE Spirit of the Lord God *is* upon me; because the LORD hath anointed me to preach good tidings unto the meek; he hath sent me to bind up the brokenhearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives, and the opening of the prison to *them that are* bound; ² to proclaim the acceptable year of the LORD, and the day of vengeance of our God; to comfort all that mourn; ³ to appoint unto them that mourn in Zion, to give unto them beauty for ashes, the oil of joy for mourning, the garment of praise for the spirit of heaviness; that they might be called trees of righteousness, the planting of the LORD, that he might be glorified.

⁴ And they shall build the old wastes, they shall raise up the former desolations, and they shall repair the waste cities, the desolations of many generations.

⁵ And strangers shall stand and feed your flocks, and the sons of the alien *shall be* your plowmen and your vinedressers. ⁶ But ye shall be named the Priests of the LORD: *men* shall call you the Ministers of our God: ye shall eat the riches of the Gentiles, and in their glory shall ye boast yourselves.

⁷ For your shame *ye shall have* double; and *for* confusion they shall rejoice in their portion: therefore in their land they shall possess the double: everlasting joy shall be unto them. ⁸ For I the LORD love judgment, I hate robbery for burnt offering;

and I will direct their work in truth, and I will make an everlasting covenant with them. ⁹ And their seed shall be known among the Gentiles, and their offspring among the people: all that see them shall acknowledge them, that they *are* the seed *which* the LORD hath blessed.

¹⁰ I will greatly rejoice in the LORD, my soul shall be joyful in my God; for he hath clothed me with the garments of salvation, he hath covered me with the robe of righteousness, as a bridegroom ^{*}decketh *himself* with ornaments, and as a ^{Heb. decketh as a priest.} bride adorneth *herself* with her jewels. ¹¹ For as the earth bringeth forth her bud, and as the garden causeth the things that are sown in it to spring forth; so the Lord God will cause righteousness and praise to spring forth before all the nations.

LXII. FOR Zion's sake will I not hold my peace, and for Jerusalem's sake I will not rest, until the righteousness thereof go forth as brightness, and the salvation thereof as a lamp *that* burneth. ² And the Gentiles shall see thy righteousness, and all kings thy glory: and thou shalt be called by a new name, which the mouth of the LORD shall name. ³ Thou shalt also be a crown of glory in the hand of the LORD, and a royal diadem in the hand of thy God.

⁴ Thou shalt no more be termed Forsaken; neither shall thy land any more be termed Desolate: but thou shalt be called ^{*}Hephzi-bah, and thy ^{That is, My delight is in her.} land ^{*}Beulah: for the LORD delighteth ^{That is, Married.} in thee, and thy land shall be married. ⁵ For *as* a young man marieth a virgin, *so* shall thy sons marry thee: and ^{*}as the bridegroom ^{Heb. with the joy of the bridegroom.} rejoiceth over the bride, *so* shall thy God rejoice over thee.

⁶ I have set watchmen upon thy walls, O Jerusalem,

which shall never hold their peace day nor night:
 *ye that make mention of the LORD, ^{Or, ye that are the} ~~LORD's remembrancers.~~
 keep not silence, ⁷and give him no *rest ^{Heb. silence.}
 till he establish, and till he make Jerusalem a praise
 in the earth.

⁸ The LORD hath sworn by his right hand, and by the
 arm of his strength, * Surely I will no ^{Heb. If I give, &c.}
 more give thy corn *to be* meat for thine enemies;
 and the sons of the stranger shall not drink thy
 wine, for the which thou hast laboured: ⁹ but they
 that have gathered it shall eat it, and praise the
 LORD; and they that have brought it together shall
 drink it in the courts of my holiness.

¹⁰ Go through, go through the gates; prepare ye the
 way of the people; cast up, cast up the highway;
 gather out the stones; lift up a standard for the
 people. ¹¹ Behold, the LORD hath proclaimed unto
 the end of the world, Say ye to the daughter of
 Zion, Behold, thy salvation cometh; behold, his
 reward *is* with him, and his *work before ^{Or, recompence.}
 him. ¹² And they shall call them, The holy people,
 The redeemed of the LORD: and thou shalt be
 called, Sought out, A city not forsaken.

LXIII. Who *is* this that cometh from Edom, with dyed
 garments from Bozrah? this *that is* *glo- ^{Heb. decked.}
 rious in his apparel, travelling in the greatness of
 his strength? I that speak in righteousness, mighty
 to save.

² Wherefore *art thou* red in thine apparel, and thy
 garments like him that treadeth in the winefat?

³ I have trodden the winepress alone; and of the
 people *there was* none with me: for I will tread
 them in mine anger, and trample them in my
 fury; and their blood shall be sprinkled upon my
 garments, and I will stain all my raiment. ⁴ For

the day of vengeance *is* in mine heart, and the year of my redeemed is come. ⁵ And I looked, and *there was* none to help; and I wondered that *there was* none to uphold: therefore mine own arm brought salvation unto me; and my fury, it upheld me. ⁶ And I will tread down the people in mine anger, and make them drunk in my fury, and I will bring down their strength to the earth.

⁷ I WILL mention the lovingkindnesses of the LORD, *and* the praises of the LORD, according to all that the LORD hath bestowed on us, and the great goodness toward the house of Israel, which he hath bestowed on them according to his mercies, and according to the multitude of his lovingkindnesses.

⁸ For he said, Surely they *are* my people, children *that* will not lie: so he was their Saviour. ⁹ In all their affliction he was afflicted, and the angel of his presence saved them: in his love and in his pity he redeemed them: and he bare them, and carried them all the days of old.

¹⁰ But they rebelled, and vexed his holy Spirit: therefore he was turned to be their enemy, *and* he fought against them. ¹¹ Then he remembered the days of old, Moses, *and* his people, *saying*, Where *is* he that brought them up out of the sea with the *shepherd of his flock? where *is* he Or, *shepherds*. that put his holy Spirit within him? ¹² that led *them* by the right hand of Moses with his glorious arm, dividing the water before them, to make himself an everlasting name? ¹³ that led them through the deep, as an horse in the wilderness, *that* they should not stumble? ¹⁴ As a beast goeth down into the valley, the Spirit of the LORD caused him to rest: so didst thou lead thy people, to make thyself a glorious name.

¹⁵ Look down from heaven, and behold from the habitation of thy holiness and of thy glory: where *is* thy zeal and thy strength, *the sounding Or, the multitude. of thy bowels and of thy mercies toward me? are they restrained? ¹⁶ Doubtless thou *art* our father, though Abraham be ignorant of us, and Israel acknowledge us not: thou, O LORD, *art* our father, *our redeemer; thy name *is* from Or, our redeemer from everlasting is thy name. everlasting.

¹⁷ O LORD, why hast thou made us to err from thy ways, *and* hardened our heart from thy fear? Return for thy servants' sake, the tribes of thine inheritance.

¹⁸ The people of thy holiness have possessed *it* but a little while: our adversaries have trodden down thy sanctuary. ¹⁹ We are *thine*: thou never barest rule over them; *they were not called Or, thy name was not called upon them. by thy name.

LXIV. Oh that thou wouldest rend the heavens, that thou wouldest come down, that the mountains might flow down at thy presence, ²as *when* *the Heb. the fire of meltings. melting fire burneth, the fire causeth the waters to boil, to make thy name known to thine adversaries, *that* the nations may tremble at thy presence! ³When thou didst terrible things *which* we looked not for, thou camest down, the mountains flowed down at thy presence.

⁴ For since the beginning of the world *men* have not heard, nor perceived by the ear, neither hath the eye *seen, O God, beside thee, *what* he Or, seen a God beside thee, which doeth so for him, &c. hath prepared for him that waiteth for him. ⁵Thou meetest him that rejoiceth and worketh righteousness, *those that* remember thee in thy ways: behold, thou art wroth; for we have sinned: in those is continuance, and we shall be

saved. ⁶ But we are all as an unclean *thing*, and all our righteousnesses *are* as filthy rags; and we all do fade as a leaf; and our iniquities, like the wind, have taken us away. ⁷ And *there is* none that calleth upon thy name, that stirreth up himself to take hold of thee: for thou hast hid thy face from us, and hast *consumed us, Heb. melted.
 *because of our iniquities. Heb. by the hand.

⁸ But now, O LORD, thou *art* our father; we *are* the clay, and thou our potter; and we all *are* the work of thy hand. ⁹ Be not wroth very sore, O LORD, neither remember iniquity for ever: behold, see, we beseech thee, we *are* all thy people. ¹⁰ Thy holy cities are a wilderness, Zion is a wilderness, Jerusalem a desolation. ¹¹ Our holy and our beautiful house, where our fathers praised thee, is burned up with fire: and all our pleasant things are laid waste. ¹² Wilt thou refrain thyself for these *things*, O LORD? wilt thou hold thy peace, and afflict us very sore?

LXV. I AM sought of *them that* asked not *for me*; I am found of *them that* sought me not: I said, Behold me, behold me, unto a nation *that* was not called by my name. ² I have spread out my hands all the day unto a rebellious people, which walketh in a way *that was* not good, after their own thoughts; ³ a people that provoketh me to anger continually to my face; that sacrificeth in gardens, and burneth incense *upon altars Heb. upon bricks. of brick; ⁴ which remain among the graves, and lodge in the monuments, which eat swine's flesh, and *broth of abominable *things is in* their Or, pieces. vessels; ⁵ which say, Stand by thyself, come not near to me; for I am holier than thou. *These are*

a smoke in my *nose, a fire that burneth Or, *anger*.
all the day.

⁶ Behold, *it is* written before me; I will not keep silence, but will recompense, even recompense into their bosom, ⁷ your iniquities, and the iniquities of your fathers together, saith the LORD, which have burned incense upon the mountains, and blasphemed me upon the hills: therefore will I measure their former work into their bosom.

⁸ Thus saith the LORD, As the new wine is found in the cluster, and *one* saith, Destroy it not; for a blessing *is* in it: so will I do for my servants' sakes, that I may not destroy them all. ⁹ And I will bring forth a seed out of Jacob, and out of Judah an inheritor of my mountains: and mine elect shall inherit it, and my servants shall dwell there. ¹⁰ And Sharon shall be a fold of flocks, and the valley of Achor a place for the herds to lie down in, for my people that have sought me.

¹¹ But ye *are* they that forsake the LORD, that forget my holy mountain, that prepare a table for that *troop, and that furnish the drink offering Or, *Gad*. unto that *number. ¹² Therefore will I num- Or, *Meni*. ber you to the sword, and ye shall all bow down to the slaughter: because when I called, ye did not answer; when I spake, ye did not hear; but did evil before mine eyes, and did choose *that* wherein I delighted not. ¹³ Therefore thus saith the Lord God, Behold, my servants shall eat, but ye shall be hungry: behold, my servants shall drink, but ye shall be thirsty: behold, my servants shall rejoice, but ye shall be ashamed: ¹⁴ behold, my servants shall sing for joy of heart, but ye shall cry for sorrow of heart, and shall howl for *vexation of spirit.

Heb. *breaking*.

¹⁵ And ye shall leave your name for a curse unto my chosen: for the Lord God shall slay thee, and call his servants by another name: ¹⁶ that he who blesseth himself in the earth shall bless himself in the God of truth; and he that sweareth in the earth shall swear by the God of truth; because the former troubles are forgotten, and because they are hid from mine eyes.

¹⁷ For, behold, I create new heavens and a new earth: and the former shall not be remembered, nor *come into mind. ¹⁸ But be ye glad and ^{Heb. come upon the heart.} rejoice for ever *in that* which I create: for, behold, I create Jerusalem a rejoicing, and her people a joy. ¹⁹ And I will rejoice in Jerusalem, and joy in my people: and the voice of weeping shall be no more heard in her, nor the voice of crying. ²⁰ There shall be no more thence an infant of days, nor an old man that hath not filled his days: for the child shall die an hundred years old; but the sinner *being* an hundred years old shall be accursed. ²¹ And they shall build houses, and inhabit *them*; and they shall plant vineyards, and eat the fruit of them. ²² They shall not build, and another inhabit; they shall not plant, and another eat: for as the days of a tree *are* the days of my people, and mine elect *shall long enjoy ^{Heb. shall make them continue long, or, shall wear out.} the work of their hands. ²³ They shall not labour in vain, nor bring forth for trouble; for they *are* the seed of the blessed of the LORD, and their offspring with them. ²⁴ And it shall come to pass, that before they call, I will answer; and while they are yet speaking, I will hear. ²⁵ The wolf and the lamb shall feed together, and the lion shall eat straw like the bullock: and dust *shall be* the serpent's meat. They shall not hurt

nor destroy in all my holy mountain, saith the LORD.

LXVI. THUS saith the LORD, The heaven *is* my throne, and the earth *is* my footstool: where *is* the house that ye build unto me? and where *is* the place of my rest? ² For all those *things* hath mine hand made, and all those *things* have been, saith the LORD: but to this *man* will I look, *even to him that is poor and of a contrite spirit, and trembleth at my word.*

³ He that killeth an ox *is as if* he slew a man; he that sacrificeth a *lamb, *as if* he cut off a dog's Or, kid. neck; he that offereth an oblation, *as if* he offered swine's blood; he that *burneth incense, Heb. maketh a memorial of. *as if* he blessed an idol. Yea, they have chosen their own ways, and their soul delighteth in their abominations. ⁴ I also will choose their *de- Or, devices. lusions, and will bring their fears upon them; because when I called, none did answer; when I spake, they did not hear: but they did evil before mine eyes, and chose *that* in which I delighted not.

⁵ Hear the word of the LORD, ye that tremble at his word; Your brethren that hated you, that cast you out for my name's sake, said, Let the LORD be glorified: but he shall appear to your joy, and they shall be ashamed.

⁶ A voice of noise from the city, a voice from the temple, a voice of the LORD that rendereth recompence to his enemies. ⁷ Before she travailed, she brought forth; before her pain came, she was delivered of a man child. ⁸ Who hath heard such a thing? who hath seen such things? Shall the earth be made to bring forth in one day? *or* shall a nation be born at once? for as soon as Zion travailed, she brought forth her children. ⁹ Shall I bring to the birth, and

not *cause to bring forth? saith the LORD: Or, *beget*. shall I cause to bring forth, and shut *the womb*? saith thy God.

¹⁰ Rejoice ye with Jerusalem, and be glad with her, all ye that love her: rejoice for joy with her, all ye that mourn for her: ¹¹ that ye may suck, and be satisfied with the breasts of her consolations; that ye may milk out, and be delighted with the *abundance of her glory. Or, *brightness*.

¹² For thus saith the LORD, Behold, I will extend peace to her like a river, and the glory of the Gentiles like a flowing stream: then shall ye suck, ye shall be borne upon *her* sides, and be dandled upon *her* knees. ¹³ As one whom his mother comforteth, so will I comfort you; and ye shall be comforted in Jerusalem. ¹⁴ And when ye see *this*, your heart shall rejoice, and your bones shall flourish like an herb: and the hand of the LORD shall be known toward his servants, and *his* indignation toward his enemies.

¹⁵ For, behold, the LORD will come with fire, and with his chariots like a whirlwind, to render his anger with fury, and his rebuke with flames of fire. ¹⁶ For by fire and by his sword will the LORD plead with all flesh: and the slain of the LORD shall be many.

¹⁷ They that sanctify themselves, and purify themselves in the gardens *behind one *tree* in the Or, *one after another*. midst, eating swine's flesh, and the abomination, and the mouse, shall be consumed together, saith the LORD. ¹⁸ For I *know* their works and their thoughts.

It shall come, that I will gather all nations and tongues; and they shall come, and see my glory. ¹⁹ And I will set a sign among them, and I will send those that escape of them unto the nations, *to* Tarshish,

Pul, and Lud, that draw the bow, *to* Tubal, and Javan, *to* the isles afar off, that have not heard my fame, neither have seen my glory; and they shall declare my glory among the Gentiles. ²⁰ And they shall bring all your brethren *for* an offering unto the LORD out of all nations upon horses, and in chariots, and in *litters, and upon mules, *Or, coaches.* and upon swift beasts, to my holy mountain Jerusalem, saith the LORD, as the children of Israel bring an offering in a clean vessel into the house of the LORD. ²¹ And I will also take of them for priests *and* for Levites, saith the LORD.

²² For as the new heavens and the new earth, which I will make, shall remain before me, saith the LORD, so shall your seed and your name remain. ²³ And it shall come to pass, *that* *from one Heb. from new moon to his new moon, and from sabbath to his sabbath. new moon to another, and from one sabbath to another, shall all flesh come to worship before me, saith the LORD. ²⁴ And they shall go forth, and look upon the carcases of the men that have transgressed against me: for their worm shall not die, neither shall their fire be quenched; and they shall be an abhorring unto all flesh.

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THE BOOK OF JEREMIAH.

JEREMIAH was contemporary with the prophets Zephaniah, Habakkuk, Ezekiel, and Daniel.

His prophetic course extended over a period of about forty-two years: beginning in the thirteenth year of Josiah, B.C. 629, and continuing through the reigns of Jehoahaz, Jehoiakim, Jehoiachin, and Zedekiah. When Nebuchadnezzar destroyed Jerusalem under Zedekiah, B.C. 588, Jeremiah was in prison for the truth's sake. He was released from his bonds, and promised kindly treatment in Babylon, if he would prefer going thither; but he remained in the land of Israel, choosing rather to suffer affliction with the people of God.

After remaining a short time in Judea, he was taken by his countrymen to Egypt, whither they fled from the Chaldean rule; and there Jeremiah ceased not to warn and exhort during the remainder of his life.

Israel's apostacy must have risen to a fearful height to call for the varied and terrible denunciations contained in this Book.

The long-suffering of God was about to give place to the wrath which could no longer slumber; and the vials were even in part poured out during Jeremiah's life. The city called by God's name, which but for its sin would have been the joy of the whole earth, was overwhelmed with destruction; and the people, with whom it might have been well for ever, had they had but a heart to fear Him, were sold to their enemies and driven into sorrowful captivity.

Yet because God's thoughts are not our thoughts, nor His ways our ways, even while his righteous indignation is poured forth upon the rebellious, He remembers the covenant of old, and, for the fathers' sakes, gives the children a promise as a light beyond the present gloom. The remembrance of their great deliverance from Egypt is to fade before the glory of their future gathering back to the land. God will gather them; and will raise up to the flock once more reassembled to its folds, true shepherds that shall feed them: and though for the "little moment" of the dispensation of the Church, Israel languishes in unbelief and distance from God, yet in His own time He will fulfil all His word—a KING shall reign and prosper; Judah shall be saved, and

Israel shall dwell safely, and the Lord our righteousness shall rule in Zion in that day. "For I know the thoughts that I think toward you, saith the Lord: thoughts of peace, and not of evil, to give you an expected end."

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J E R E M I A H.

I. THE words of Jeremiah the son of Hilkiah, of the priests that *were* in Anathoth in the land of Benjamin: ² to whom the word of the LORD came in the days of Josiah the son of Amon king of Judah, in the thirteenth year of his reign. ³ It came also in the days of Jehoiakim the son of Josiah king of Judah, unto the end of the eleventh year of Zedekiah the son of Josiah king of Judah, unto the carrying away of Jerusalem captive in the fifth month.

⁴ THEN the word of the LORD came unto me, saying,
⁵ Before I formed thee in the belly I knew thee; and before thou camest forth out of the womb I sanctified thee, *and* I *ordained thee a prophet Heb. gave. unto the nations.

⁶ Then said I, Ah, Lord God! behold, I cannot speak: for I *am* a child.

⁷ But the LORD said unto me, Say not, I *am* a child: for thou shalt go to all that I shall send thee, and whatsoever I command thee thou shalt speak. ⁸ Be not afraid of their faces: for I *am* with thee to deliver thee, saith the LORD. ⁹ Then the LORD put forth his hand, and touched my mouth. And the LORD said unto me, Behold, I have put my words in thy mouth.

¹⁰ See, I have this day set thee over the nations and over the kingdoms, to root out, and to pull down, and to destroy, and to throw down, to build, and to plant.

¹¹ Moreover the word of the LORD came unto me, saying, Jeremiah, what seest thou? And I said, I see a rod of an almond tree. ¹² Then said the LORD unto me, Thou hast well seen: for I will hasten my word to perform it.

¹³ And the word of the LORD came unto me the second time, saying, What seest thou? And I said, I see a seething pot; and the face thereof is ^{*}toward the north.

*Heb. from the face
of the north.*

¹⁴ Then the LORD said unto me,

Out of the north an evil ^{*}shall break forth *Heb. shall be
opened.* upon all the inhabitants of the land. ¹⁵ For, lo, I will call all the families of the kingdoms of the north, saith the LORD; and they shall come, and they shall set every one his throne at the entering of the gates of Jerusalem, and against all the walls thereof round about, and against all the cities of Judah. ¹⁶ And I will utter my judgments against them touching all their wickedness, who have forsaken me, and have burned incense unto other gods, and worshipped the works of their own hands.

¹⁷ Thou therefore gird up thy loins, and arise, and speak unto them all that I command thee: be not dismayed at their faces, lest I ^{*}confound *Or, break thee
to pieces.* thee before them. ¹⁸ For, behold, I have made thee this day a defenced city, and an iron pillar, and brasen walls against the whole land, against the kings of Judah, against the princes thereof, against the priests thereof, and against the people of the

land. ¹⁹And they shall fight against thee; but they shall not prevail against thee; for I *am* with thee, saith the LORD, to deliver thee.

II. Moreover the word of the LORD came to me, saying,

²Go, and cry in the ears of Jerusalem, saying, Thus saith the LORD; I remember *thee, the kind-^{Or, for thy sake.}ness of thy youth, the love of thine espousals, when thou wentest after me in the wilderness, in a land *that was* not sown. ³Israel *was* holiness unto the LORD, *and* the firstfruits of his increase: all that devour him shall offend; evil shall come upon them, saith the LORD.

⁴Hear ye the word of the LORD, O house of Jacob, and all the families of the house of Israel: ⁵Thus saith the LORD, What iniquity have your fathers found in me, that they are gone far from me, and have walked after vanity, and are become vain? ⁶Neither said they, Where *is* the LORD that brought us up out of the land of Egypt, that led us through the wilderness, through a land of deserts and of pits, through a land of drought, and of the shadow of death, through a land that no man passed through, and where no man dwelt? ⁷And I brought you into *a plentiful country, to eat the^{Or, the land of Carmel.} fruit thereof and the goodness thereof; but when ye entered, ye defiled my land, and made mine heritage an abomination. ⁸The priests said not, Where *is* the LORD? and they that handle the law knew me not: the pastors also transgressed against me, and the prophets prophesied by Baal, and walked after *things that* do not profit.

⁹Wherefore I will yet plead with you, saith the LORD, and with your children's children will I plead.

¹⁰ For pass *over the isles of Chittim, and Or, over to. see; and send unto Kedar, and consider diligently, and see if there be such a thing. ¹¹ Hath a nation changed *their* gods, which *are* yet no gods? but my people have changed their glory for *that which* doth not profit.

¹² Be astonished, O ye heavens, at this, and be horribly afraid, be ye very desolate, saith the LORD. ¹³ For my people have committed two evils; they have forsaken me, the fountain of living waters, *and* hewed them out cisterns, broken cisterns, that can hold no water.

¹⁴ *Is* Israel a servant? *is* he a homeborn *slave*? why is he *spoiled? ¹⁵ The young lions roared Heb. become a spoil? upon him, *and* *yelled, and they made his Heb. gave out their voice. land waste: his cities are burned without inhabitant. ¹⁶ Also the children of Noph and Tahapanes *have broken the crown of thy head. ¹⁷ Hast Or, feed on thy crown. thou not procured this unto thyself, in that thou hast forsaken the LORD thy God, when he led thee by the way?

¹⁸ And now what hast thou to do in the way of Egypt, to drink the waters of Sihor? or what hast thou to do in the way of Assyria, to drink the waters of the river? ¹⁹ Thine own wickedness shall correct thee, and thy backslidings shall reprove thee: know therefore and see that *it is* an evil *thing* and bitter, that thou hast forsaken the LORD thy God, and that my fear *is* not in thee, saith the Lord God of hosts. ²⁰ For of old time I have broken thy yoke, *and* burst thy bands; and thou saidst, I will not *transgress; when upon every high hill and Or, serve. under every green tree thou wanderest, playing the harlot. ²¹ Yet I had planted thee a noble vine, wholly a right seed: how then art thou turned

into the degenerate plant of a strange vine unto me? ²² For though thou wash thee with nitre, and take thee much sope, *yet* thine iniquity is marked before me, saith the Lord God.

²³ How canst thou say, I am not polluted, I have not gone after Baalim? see thy way in the valley, know what thou hast done: **thou art* a swift dromedary traversing her ways; ²⁴ **a wild ass* Or, *O swift dromedary.*
*Or, *O wild ass, &c.** **used* to the wilderness, *that* snuffeth up the wind at **her* pleasure; in her occasion who can **turn* her away? all they that seek her will not weary themselves: in her month they shall find her. ²⁵ Withhold thy foot from being unshod, and thy throat from thirst: but thou saidst, **There is no hope: no; for I* Or, *Is the case desperate?* have loved strangers, and after them will I go.

²⁶ As the thief is ashamed when he is found, so is the house of Israel ashamed; they, their kings, their princes, and their priests, and their prophets, ²⁷ saying to a stock, Thou *art* my father; and to a stone, Thou hast **brought* me forth: for they have turned **their* back unto me, and Or, *begotten me.*
Heb. *the hinder part of the neck.* not *their* face: but in the time of their trouble they will say, Arise, and save us. ²⁸ But where *are* thy gods that thou hast made thee? let them arise, if they can save thee in the time of thy **trouble*: Heb. *evil.* for *according to* the number of thy cities are thy gods, O Judah. ²⁹ Wherefore will ye plead with me? ye all have transgressed against me, saith the LORD. ³⁰ In vain have I smitten your children; they received no correction: your own sword hath devoured your prophets, like a destroying lion.

³¹ O generation, see ye the word of the LORD. Have I been a wilderness unto Israel? a land of darkness? wherefore say my people, **We are lords*; Heb. *We have dominion.*

we will come no more unto thee? ³² Can a maid forget her ornaments, *or* a bride her attire? yet my people have forgotten me days without number.

³³ Why trimmest thou thy way to seek love? therefore hast thou also taught the wicked ones thy ways. ³⁴ Also in thy skirts is found the blood of the souls of the poor innocents: I have not found it by **secret search*, but upon all these. ³⁵ Yet *Heb. digging.* thou sayest, Because I am innocent, surely his anger shall turn from me. Behold, I will plead with thee, because thou sayest, I have not sinned.

³⁶ Why gaddest thou about so much to change thy way? thou also shalt be ashamed of Egypt, as thou wast ashamed of Assyria. ³⁷ Yea, thou shalt go forth from him, and thine hands upon thine head: for the LORD hath rejected thy confidences, and thou shalt not prosper in them.

III. **They say*, If a man put away his wife, *Heb. Saying.* and she go from him, and become another man's, shall he return unto her again? shall not that land be greatly polluted? but thou hast played the harlot with many lovers; yet return again to me, saith the LORD. ² Lift up thine eyes unto the high places, and see where thou hast not been lien with. In the ways hast thou sat for them, as the Arabian in the wilderness; and thou hast polluted the land with thy whoredoms and with thy wickedness. ³ Therefore the showers have been withholden, and there hath been no latter rain; and thou hadst a whore's forehead, thou refusedst to be ashamed. ⁴ Wilt thou not from this time cry unto me, My father, thou *art* the guide of my youth? ⁵ Will he reserve *his anger* for ever? will he keep *it* to the end? Behold, thou hast spoken and done evil things as thou couldest.

⁶The LORD said also unto me in the days of Josiah the king, Hast thou seen *that* which backsliding Israel hath done? she is gone up upon every high mountain and under every green tree, and there hath played the harlot. ⁷And I said after she had done all these *things*, Turn thou unto me. But she returned not. And her treacherous sister Judah saw *it*. ⁸And I saw, when for all the causes whereby backsliding Israel committed adultery I had put her away, and given her a bill of divorce; yet her treacherous sister Judah feared not, but went and played the harlot also. ⁹And it came to pass through the *lightness of her whoredom, *Or, fame.* that she defiled the land, and committed adultery with stones and with stocks. ¹⁰And yet for all this her treacherous sister Judah hath not turned unto me with her whole heart, but *feignedly, *Heb. in falsehood.* saith the LORD.

¹¹And the LORD said unto me, The backsliding Israel hath justified herself more than treacherous Judah. ¹²Go and proclaim these words toward the north, and say,

Return, thou backsliding Israel, saith the LORD; *and* I will not cause mine anger to fall upon you: for I *am* merciful, saith the LORD, *and* I will not keep *anger* for ever. ¹³Only acknowledge thine iniquity, that thou hast transgressed against the LORD thy God, and hast scattered thy ways to the strangers under every green tree, and ye have not obeyed my voice, saith the LORD.

¹⁴Turn, O backsliding children, saith the LORD; for I am married unto you: and I will take you one of a city, and two of a family, and I will bring you to Zion: ¹⁵and I will give you pastors according to mine heart, which shall feed you with knowledge and understanding..

¹⁶ And it shall come to pass, when ye be multiplied and increased in the land, in those days, saith the LORD, they shall say no more, The ark of the covenant of the LORD: neither shall it *come ^{Heb. come upon the heart.} to mind: neither shall they remember it; neither shall they visit *it*; neither shall **that* be ^{Or, it be magnified.} done any more. ¹⁷ At that time they shall call Jerusalem the throne of the LORD; and all the nations shall be gathered unto it, to the name of the LORD, to Jerusalem: neither shall they walk any more after the *imagination of their ^{Or, stubbornness.} evil heart.

¹⁸ In those days the house of Judah shall walk *with the house of Israel, and they shall come together out of the land of the north to the land that I have *given for an inheritance unto ^{Or, caused your fathers to possess.} your fathers.

¹⁹ But I said, How shall I put thee among the children, and give thee a *pleasant land, ^{Heb. land of desire.} *a goodly heritage of the hosts of ^{Heb. an heritage of glory, or, beauty.} nations? and I said, Thou shalt call me, My father; and shalt not turn away *from me. ^{Heb. from after me.}

²⁰ Surely *as* a wife treacherously departeth from her *husband, so have ye dealt treacherously with me, O house of Israel, saith the LORD. ^{Heb. friend.}

²¹ A voice was heard upon the high places, weeping *and* supplications of the children of Israel: for they have perverted their way, *and* they have forgotten the LORD their God. ²² Return, ye backsliding children, *and* I will heal your backslidings.

Behold, we come unto thee; for thou *art* the LORD our God. ²³ Truly in vain *is* salvation hoped for from the hills, *and* from the multitude of mountains: truly in the LORD our God *is* the salvation of Israel. ²⁴ For shame hath devoured the labour

of our fathers from our youth; their flocks and their herds, their sons and their daughters. ²⁵ We lie down in our shame, and our confusion covereth us: for we have sinned against the LORD our God, we and our fathers, from our youth even unto this day, and have not obeyed the voice of the LORD our God.

IV. If thou wilt return, O Israel, saith the LORD, return unto me: and if thou wilt put away thine abominations out of my sight, then shalt thou not remove. ² And thou shalt swear, The LORD liveth, in truth, in judgment, and in righteousness; and the nations shall bless themselves in him, and in him shall they glory.

³ For thus saith the LORD to the men of Judah and Jerusalem, Break up your fallow ground, and sow not among thorns. ⁴ Circumcise yourselves to the LORD, and take away the foreskins of your heart, ye men of Judah, and inhabitants of Jerusalem: lest my fury come forth like fire, and burn that none can quench *it*, because of the evil of your doings.

⁵ Declare ye in Judah, and publish in Jerusalem; and say, Blow ye the trumpet in the land: cry, gather together, and say, Assemble yourselves, and let us go into the defenced cities. ⁶ Set up the standard toward Zion: * retire, stay not: for I will Or, strengthen. bring evil from the north, and a great * de- Heb. breaking. struction. ⁷ The lion is come up from his thicket, and the destroyer of the Gentiles is on his way; he is gone forth from his place to make thy land desolate; *and* thy cities shall be laid waste, without an inhabitant. ⁸ For this gird you with sackcloth, lament and howl: for the fierce anger of the LORD is not turned back from us. ⁹ And it shall

come to pass at that day, saith the LORD, *that* the heart of the king shall perish, and the heart of the princes; and the priests shall be astonished, and the prophets shall wonder.

¹⁰ Then said I, Ah, Lord God! surely thou hast greatly deceived this people and Jerusalem, saying, Ye shall have peace; whereas the sword reacheth unto the soul.

¹¹ At that time shall it be said to this people and to Jerusalem, A dry wind of the high places in the wilderness toward the daughter of my people, not to fan, nor to cleanse, ¹² *even* * a full ^{Or, a fuller wind than those.} wind from those *places* shall come unto me: now also will I * give sentence against them. ^{Heb. utter judgments.}

¹³ Behold, he shall come up as clouds, and his chariots *shall be* as a whirlwind: his horses are swifter than eagles. Woe unto us! for we are spoiled.

¹⁴ O Jerusalem, wash thine heart from wickedness, that thou mayest be saved. How long shall thy vain thoughts lodge within thee? ¹⁵ For a voice declareth from Dan, and publisheth affliction from mount Ephraim. ¹⁶ Make ye mention to the nations; behold, publish against Jerusalem, *that* watchers come from a far country, and give out their voice against the cities of Judah. ¹⁷ As keepers of a field, are they against her round about; because she hath been rebellious against me, saith the LORD. ¹⁸ Thy way and thy doings have procured these *things* unto thee; *this is* thy wickedness, because it is bitter, because it reacheth unto thine heart.

¹⁹ My bowels, my bowels! I am pained at * my ^{Heb. the walls of my heart.} very heart; my heart maketh a noise in me; I cannot hold my peace, because thou hast heard, O my soul, the sound of the trumpet, the alarm of

war. ²⁰ Destruction upon destruction is cried; for the whole land is spoiled: suddenly are my tents spoiled, *and* my curtains in a moment. ²¹ How long shall I see the standard, *and* hear the sound of the trumpet?

²² For my people *is* foolish, they have not known me; they *are* sottish children, and they have none understanding: they *are* wise to do evil, but to do good they have no knowledge.

²³ I beheld the earth, and, lo, *it was* without form and void; and the heavens, and they *had* no light.

²⁴ I beheld the mountains, and, lo, they trembled, and all the hills moved lightly. ²⁵ I beheld, and, lo, *there was* no man, and all the birds of the heavens were fled. ²⁶ I beheld, and, lo, the fruitful place *was* a wilderness, and all the cities thereof were broken down at the presence of the LORD, *and* by his fierce anger.

²⁷ For thus hath the LORD said, The whole land shall be desolate; yet will I not make a full end. ²⁸ For this shall the earth mourn, and the heavens above be black: because I have spoken *it*, I have purposed *it*, and will not repent, neither will I turn back from it. ²⁹ The whole city shall flee for the noise of the horsemen and bowmen; they shall go into thickets, and climb up upon the rocks: every city *shall be* forsaken, and not a man dwell therein.

³⁰ And *when* thou *art* spoiled, what wilt thou do? Though thou clothest thyself with crimson, though thou deckest thee with ornaments of gold, though thou rentest thy *face with painting, in Heb. eyes. vain shalt thou make thyself fair; *thy* lovers will despise thee, they will seek thy life.

³¹ For I have heard a voice as of a woman in travail, *and* the anguish as of her that bringeth forth her

first child, the voice of the daughter of Zion, *that* bewaileth herself, *that* spreadeth her hands, *saying*, Woe *is* me now! for my soul is wearied because of murderers.

V. RUN ye to and fro through the streets of Jerusalem, and see now, and know, and seek in the broad places thereof, if ye can find a man, if there be *any* that executeth judgment, that seeketh the truth; and I will pardon it. ²And though they say, The LORD liveth; surely they swear falsely.

³O LORD, *are* not thine eyes upon the truth? thou hast stricken them, but they have not grieved; thou hast consumed them, *but* they have refused to receive correction: they have made their faces harder than a rock: they have refused to return. ⁴Therefore I said, Surely these *are* poor; they are foolish: for they know not the way of the LORD, *nor* the judgment of their God.

⁵I will get me unto the great men, and will speak unto them; for they have known the way of the LORD, *and* the judgment of their God: but these have altogether broken the yoke, *and* burst the bonds.

⁶Wherefore a lion out of the forest shall slay them, *and* a wolf of the ^{*}evenings shall spoil Or, deserts. them, a leopard shall watch over their cities: every one that goeth out thence shall be torn in pieces: because their transgressions are many, *and* their backslidings ^{*}are increased. Heb. *are* strong.

⁷How shall I pardon thee for this? thy children have forsaken me, and sworn by *them that are* no gods: when I had fed them to the full, they then committed adultery, and assembled themselves by troops in the harlots' houses. ⁸They were *as* fed horses in the morning: every one neighed after his neighbour's wife. ⁹Shall I not visit for these

things? saith the LORD: and shall not my soul be avenged on such a nation as this?

¹⁰ Go ye up upon her walls, and destroy; but make not a full end: take away her battlements; for they *are* not the LORD's. ¹¹ For the house of Israel and the house of Judah have dealt very treacherously against me, saith the LORD. ¹² They have belied the LORD, and said, *It is not he*; neither shall evil come upon us; neither shall we see sword nor famine: ¹³ and the prophets shall become wind, and the word *is* not in them: thus shall it be done unto them.

¹⁴ Wherefore thus saith the LORD God of hosts, Because ye speak this word, behold, I will make my words in thy mouth fire, and this people wood, and it shall devour them. ¹⁵ Lo, I will bring a nation upon you from far, O house of Israel, saith the LORD: it *is* a mighty nation, it *is* an ancient nation, a nation whose language thou knowest not, neither understandest what they say. ¹⁶ Their quiver *is* as an open sepulchre, they *are* all mighty men. ¹⁷ And they shall eat up thine harvest, and thy bread, *which* thy sons and thy daughters should eat: they shall eat up thy flocks and thine herds: they shall eat up thy vines and thy fig trees: they shall impoverish thy fenced cities, wherein thou trustedst, with the sword. ¹⁸ Nevertheless in those days, saith the LORD, I will not make a full end with you.

¹⁹ And it shall come to pass, when ye shall say, Wherefore doeth the LORD our God all these *things* unto us? then shalt thou answer them, Like as ye have forsaken me, and served strange gods in your land, so shall ye serve strangers in a land *that is* not your's.

- ²⁰ Declare this in the house of Jacob, and publish it in Judah, saying, ²¹ Hear now this, O foolish people, and without *understanding; which have Heb. heart. eyes, and see not; which have ears, and hear not: ²² Fear ye not me? saith the LORD: will ye not tremble at my presence, which have placed the sand *for* the bound of the sea by a perpetual decree, that it cannot pass it: and though the waves thereof toss themselves, yet can they not prevail; though they roar, yet can they not pass over it?
- ²³ But this people hath a revolting and a rebellious heart; they are revolted and gone. ²⁴ Neither say they in their heart, Let us now fear the LORD our God, that giveth rain, both the former and the latter, in his season: he reserveth unto us the appointed weeks of the harvest. ²⁵ Your iniquities have turned away these *things*, and your sins have withholden good *things* from you. ²⁶ For among my people are found wicked *men*: *they Or, they pry as fowlers lie in wait. lay wait, as he that setteth snares; they set a trap, they catch men. ²⁷ As a *cage is full of birds, Or, coop. so *are* their houses full of deceit: therefore they are become great and waxen rich. ²⁸ They are waxen fat, they shine: yea, they overpass the deeds of the wicked: they judge not the cause, the cause of the fatherless, yet they prosper; and the right of the needy do they not judge.
- ²⁹ Shall I not visit for these *things*? saith the LORD: shall not my soul be avenged on such a nation as this?
- ³⁰ *A wonderful and horrible thing is com- Or, Astonishment and filthiness. mitted in the land; ³¹ the prophets prophesy falsely, and the priests *bear rule by their means; Or, take into their hands. and my people love *to have it* so: and what will ye do in the end thereof?

VI. O YE children of Benjamin, gather yourselves to flee out of the midst of Jerusalem, and blow the trumpet in Tekoa, and set up a sign of fire in Beth-haccerem: for evil appeareth out of the north, and great destruction. ² I have likened the daughter of Zion to a *comely and deli- Or, woman dwelling at home. cate woman. ³ The shepherds with their flocks shall come unto her; they shall pitch *their* tents against her round about; they shall feed every one in his place.

⁴ Prepare ye war against her; arise, and let us go up at noon. Woe unto us! for the day goeth away, for the shadows of the evening are stretched out.

⁵ Arise, and let us go by night, and let us destroy her palaces.

⁶ For thus hath the LORD of hosts said, Hew ye down trees, and *cast a mount against Jeru- Or, pour out the engine of shot. salem: this *is* the city to be visited; she *is* wholly oppression in the midst of her. ⁷ As a fountain casteth out her waters, so she casteth out her wickedness: violence and spoil is heard in her; before me continually *is* grief and wounds.

⁸ Be thou instructed, O Jerusalem, lest my soul *depart from thee; lest I make thee desolate, a Heb. be loosed, or, disjoined. land not inhabited.

⁹ Thus saith the LORD of hosts, They shall thoroughly glean the remnant of Israel as a vine: turn back thine hand as a grapegatherer into the baskets.

¹⁰ To whom shall I speak, and give warning, that they may hear? behold, their ear *is* uncircumcised, and they cannot hearken: behold, the word of the LORD is unto them a reproach: they have no delight in it.

¹¹ Therefore I am full of the fury of the LORD; I am weary with holding in: I will pour it out upon

the children abroad, and upon the assembly of young men together: for even the husband with the wife shall be taken, the aged with *him that is* full of days. ¹² And their houses shall be turned unto others, *with their* fields and wives together: for I will stretch out my hand upon the inhabitants of the land, saith the LORD. ¹³ For from the least of them even unto the greatest of them every one *is* given to covetousness; and from the prophet even unto the priest every one dealeth falsely. ¹⁴ They have healed also the ^{Heb. bruise, or, breach.} *hurt of the daughter of my people slightly, saying, Peace, peace; when *there is* no peace. ¹⁵ Were they ashamed when they had committed abomination? nay, they were not at all ashamed, neither could they blush: therefore they shall fall among them that fall: at the time *that* I visit them they shall be cast down, saith the LORD.

¹⁶ Thus saith the LORD, Stand ye in the ways, and see, and ask for the old paths, where *is* the good way, and walk therein, and ye shall find rest for your souls. But they said, We will not walk *therein*. ¹⁷ Also I set watchmen over you, *saying*, Harken to the sound of the trumpet. But they said, We will not hearken.

¹⁸ Therefore hear, ye nations, and know, O congregation, what *is* among them. ¹⁹ Hear, O earth: behold, I will bring evil upon this people, *even* the fruit of their thoughts, because they have not hearkened unto my words, nor to my law, but rejected it.

²⁰ To what purpose cometh there to me incense from Sheba, and the sweet cane from a far country? your burnt offerings *are* not acceptable, nor your sacrifices sweet unto me. ²¹ Therefore thus saith

the LORD, Behold, I will lay stumblingblocks before this people, and the fathers and the sons together shall fall upon them: the neighbour and his friend shall perish.

²² Thus saith the LORD, Behold, a people cometh from the north country, and a great nation shall be raised from the sides of the earth. ²³ They shall lay hold on bow and spear; they *are* cruel, and have no mercy; their voice roareth like the sea; and they ride upon horses, set in array as men for war against thee, O daughter of Zion. ²⁴ We have heard the fame thereof: our hands wax feeble: anguish hath taken hold of us, *and* pain, as of a woman in travail. ²⁵ Go not forth into the field, nor walk by the way; for the sword of the enemy *and* fear *is* on every side.

²⁶ O daughter of my people, gird *thee* with sackcloth, and wallow thyself in ashes: make thee mourning, *as for* an only son, most bitter lamentation: for the spoiler shall suddenly come upon us.

²⁷ I have set thee *for* a tower *and* a fortress among my people, that thou mayest know and try their way.

²⁸ They *are* all grievous revolters, walking with slanders: *they are* brass and iron; they *are* all corrupters. ²⁹ The bellows are burned, the lead is consumed of the fire; the founder melteth in vain: for the wicked are not plucked away.

³⁰ *Reprobate silver shall *men* call them, ^{Or, Refuse silver.} because the LORD hath rejected them.

VII. THE word that came to Jeremiah from the LORD, saying,

² Stand in the gate of the LORD's house, and proclaim there this word, and say,

Hear the word of the LORD, all *ye of* Judah, that

enter in at these gates to worship the LORD.
³ Thus saith the LORD of hosts, the God of Israel, Amend your ways and your doings, and I will cause you to dwell in this place. ⁴ Trust ye not in lying words, saying, The temple of the LORD, The temple of the LORD, The temple of the LORD, *are* these. ⁵ For if ye thoroughly amend your ways and your doings; if ye thoroughly execute judgment between a man and his neighbour; ⁶ *if* ye oppress not the stranger, the fatherless, and the widow, and shed not innocent blood in this place, neither walk after other gods to your hurt: ⁷ then will I cause you to dwell in this place, in the land that I gave to your fathers, for ever and ever.

⁸ Behold, ye trust in lying words, that cannot profit.

⁹ Will ye steal, murder, and commit adultery, and swear falsely, and burn incense unto Baal, and walk after other gods whom ye know not; ¹⁰ and come and stand before me in this house, * which is called by my name, and say, ^{Heb. whereupon my name is called.}

We are delivered to do all these abominations?

¹¹ Is this house, which is called by my name, become a den of robbers in your eyes? Behold, even I have seen *it*, saith the LORD.

¹² But go ye now unto my place which *was* in Shiloh, where I set my name at the first, and see what I did to it for the wickedness of my people Israel.

¹³ And now, because ye have done all these works, saith the LORD, and I spake unto you, rising up early and speaking, but ye heard not; and I called you, but ye answered not; ¹⁴ therefore will I do unto *this* house, which is called by my name, wherein ye trust, and unto the place which I gave to you and to your fathers, as I have done to Shiloh. ¹⁵ And I will cast you out of my sight, as

I have cast out all your brethren, *even* the whole seed of Ephraim.

¹⁶ Therefore pray not thou for this people, neither lift up cry nor prayer for them, neither make intercession to me: for I will not hear thee. ¹⁷ Seest thou not what they do in the cities of Judah and in the streets of Jerusalem? ¹⁸ The children gather wood, and the fathers kindle the fire, and the women knead *their* dough, to make cakes to the *queen of heaven, and to pour out <sup>Or, frame, or, work-
manship of heaven.</sup> drink offerings unto other gods, that they may provoke me to anger. ¹⁹ Do they provoke me to anger? saith the LORD: *do they not provoke themselves* to the confusion of their own faces?

²⁰ Therefore thus saith the Lord God; Behold, mine anger and my fury shall be poured out upon this place, upon man, and upon beast, and upon the trees of the field, and upon the fruit of the ground; and it shall burn, and shall not be quenched.

²¹ Thus saith the LORD of hosts, the God of Israel; Put your burnt offerings unto your sacrifices, and eat flesh. ²² For I spake not unto your fathers, nor commanded them in the day that I brought them out of the land of Egypt, *con- <sup>Heb. concerning
the matter of.</sup> cerning burnt offerings or sacrifices: ²³ but this thing commanded I them, saying, Obey my voice, and I will be your God, and ye shall be my people: and walk ye in all the ways that I have commanded you, that it may be well unto you. ²⁴ But they hearkened not, nor inclined their ear, but walked in the counsels *and* in the *imagina- <sup>Or, stub-
bornness.</sup> tion of their evil heart, and *went back- ^{Heb. were.} ward, and not forward. ²⁵ Since the day that your fathers came forth out of the land of Egypt unto this day I have even sent unto you all my servants

the prophets, daily rising up early and sending *them*: ²⁶ yet they hearkened not unto me, nor inclined their ear, but hardened their neck: they did worse than their fathers.

²⁷ Therefore thou shalt speak all these words unto them; but they will not hearken to thee: thou shalt also call unto them; but they will not answer thee. ²⁸ But thou shalt say unto them, *This is a nation that obeyeth not the voice of the LORD their God, nor receiveth * correction: truth* ^{Or, instruction.} *is perished, and is cut off from their mouth.*

²⁹ Cut off thine hair, *O Jerusalem*, and cast *it* away, and take up a lamentation on high places; for the LORD hath rejected and forsaken the generation of his wrath. ³⁰ For the children of Judah have done evil in my sight, saith the LORD: they have set their abominations in the house which is called by my name, to pollute it. ³¹ And they have built the high places of Tophet, which *is* in the valley of the son of Hinnom, to burn their sons and their daughters in the fire; which I commanded *them* not, neither * came it into my heart. ^{Heb. came it upon my heart.}

³² Therefore, behold, the days come, saith the LORD, that it shall no more be called Tophet, nor the valley of the son of Hinnom, but the valley of slaughter: for they shall bury in Tophet, till there be no place. ³³ And the carcases of this people shall be meat for the fowls of the heaven, and for the beasts of the earth; and none shall fray *them* away. ³⁴ Then will I cause to cease from the cities of Judah, and from the streets of Jerusalem, the voice of mirth, and the voice of gladness, the voice of the bridegroom, and the voice of the bride: for the land shall be desolate.

VIII. At that time, saith the LORD, they shall bring

out the bones of the kings of Judah, and the bones of his princes, and the bones of the priests, and the bones of the prophets, and the bones of the inhabitants of Jerusalem, out of their graves: ²and they shall spread them before the sun, and the moon, and all the host of heaven, whom they have loved, and whom they have served, and after whom they have walked, and whom they have sought, and whom they have worshipped: they shall not be gathered, nor be buried; they shall be for dung upon the face of the earth. ³And death shall be chosen rather than life by all the residue of them that remain of this evil family, which remain in all the places whither I have driven them, saith the LORD of hosts.

⁴MOREOVER thou shalt say unto them, Thus saith the LORD; Shall they fall, and not arise? shall he turn away, and not return? ⁵Why *then* is this people of Jerusalem slidden back by a perpetual backsliding? they hold fast deceit, they refuse to return. ⁶I hearkened and heard, *but* they spake not aright: no man repented him of his wickedness, saying, What have I done? every one turned to his course, as the horse rusheth into the battle. ⁷Yea, the stork in the heaven knoweth her appointed times; and the turtle and the crane and the swallow observe the time of their coming; but my people know not the judgment of the LORD.

⁸How do ye say, We *are* wise, and the law of the LORD *is* with us? Lo, certainly ^{*}in vain made he *it*; the pen of the scribes ^{Or, the false pen of the scribes worketh for falsehood.} *is* in vain. ⁹^{*}The wise *men* are ^{Or, Have they been ashamed, &c.} ashamed, they are dismayed and taken: lo, they have rejected the word of the LORD: and ^{*}what wisdom *is* in them? ^{Heb. the wisdom of what thing.}

¹⁰ Therefore will I give their wives unto others, *and* their fields to them that shall inherit *them*: for every one from the least even unto the greatest is given to covetousness, from the prophet even unto the priest every one dealeth falsely. ¹¹ For they have healed the hurt of the daughter of my people slightly, saying, Peace, peace, when *there is* no peace. ¹² Were they ashamed when they had committed abomination? nay, they were not at all ashamed, neither could they blush: therefore shall they fall among them that fall: in the time of their visitation they shall be cast down, saith the LORD.

¹³ * I will surely consume them, saith the LORD: *there shall be* no grapes on the vine, nor figs on the fig tree, and the leaf shall fade; and *the things that* I have given them shall pass away from them. Or, In gathering I will consume.

¹⁴ Why do we sit still? assemble yourselves, and let us enter into the defenced cities, and let us be silent there: for the LORD our God hath put us to silence, and given us water of *gall to drink, because we have sinned against the LORD. Or, poison.

¹⁵ We looked for peace, but no good *came*; *and* for a time of health, and behold trouble!

¹⁶ The snorting of his horses was heard from Dan: the whole land trembled at the sound of the neighing of his strong ones; for they are come, and have devoured the land, and *all that is in it; Heb. the fulness thereof. the city, and those that dwell therein. ¹⁷ For behold, I will send serpents, cockatrices, among you, which *will not be* charmed, and they shall bite you, saith the LORD.

¹⁸ When I would comfort myself against sorrow, my heart *is* faint *in me. ¹⁹ Behold the voice of the cry of the daughter of my people Heb. upon.

* because of them that dwell in a ^{Heb. because of the country of them that are far off.} far country: *Is not the LORD in Zion? is not her king in her?* Why have they provoked me to anger with their graven images, *and* with strange vanities? ²⁰ The harvest is past, the summer is ended, and we are not saved.

²¹ For the hurt of the daughter of my people am I hurt; I am black; astonishment hath taken hold on me. ²² *Is there* no balm in Gilead; *is there* no physician there? why then is not the health of the daughter of my people *recovered? ^{Heb. gone up.}

IX. * OH that my head were waters, and ^{Heb. Who will give my head, &c.} mine eyes a fountain of tears, that I might weep day and night for the slain of the daughter of my people! ² Oh that I had in the wilderness a lodging place of wayfaring men; that I might leave my people, and go from them! for they *be* all adulterers, an assembly of treacherous men. ³ And they bend their tongues *like* their bow *for* lies: but they are not valiant for the truth upon the earth; for they proceed from evil to evil, and they know not me, saith the LORD.

⁴ Take ye heed every one of his *neighbour, ^{Or, friend.} and trust ye not in any brother: for every brother will utterly supplant, and every neighbour will walk with slanders. ⁵ And they will *de- ^{Or, mock.}ceive every one his neighbour, and will not speak the truth: they have taught their tongue to speak lies, *and* weary themselves to commit iniquity. ⁶ Thine habitation *is* in the midst of deceit; through deceit they refuse to know me, saith the LORD.

⁷ Therefore thus saith the LORD of hosts, Behold, I will melt them, and try them; for how shall I do for the daughter of my people? ⁸ Their tongue *is as* an arrow shot out; it speaketh deceit: *one* speaketh

peaceably to his neighbour with his mouth, but *in heart he layeth *his wait. ⁹ Shall Heb. in the midst of him.
Or, wait for him. I not visit them for these *things*? saith the LORD: shall not my soul be avenged on such a nation as this? ¹⁰ (For the mountains will I take up a weeping and wailing, and for the *habitations Or, pastures. of the wilderness a lamentation, because they are *burned up, so that none can pass through Or, desolate. them; neither can *men* hear the voice of the cattle; *both the fowl of the heavens and the Heb. from the fowl
even to, &c. beast are fled; they are gone.) ¹¹ And I will make Jerusalem heaps, *and* a den of dragons; and I will make the cities of Judah *desolate, with- Heb. desolation. out an inhabitant.

¹² Who *is* the wise man, that may understand this? and *who is he* to whom the mouth of the LORD hath spoken, that he may declare it, for what the land perisheth *and* is burned up like a wilderness, that none passeth through? ¹³ And the LORD saith, Because they have forsaken my law which I set before them, and have not obeyed my voice, neither walked therein; ¹⁴ but have walked after the *imagination of their own heart, and after Or, stubbornness. Baalim, which their fathers taught them:

¹⁵ Therefore thus saith the LORD of hosts, the God of Israel; Behold, I will feed them, *even* this people, with wormwood, and give them water of gall to drink. ¹⁶ I will scatter them also among the heathen, whom neither they nor their fathers have known: and I will send a sword after them, till I have consumed them.

¹⁷ Thus saith the LORD of hosts, Consider ye, and call for the mourning women, that they may come; and send for cunning *women*, that they may come: ¹⁸ and let them make haste, and take up a wailing

for us, that our eyes may run down with tears, and our eyelids gush out with waters. ¹⁹For a voice of wailing is heard out of Zion, How are we spoiled! we are greatly confounded, because we have forsaken the land, because our dwellings have cast *us* out.

²⁰Yet hear the word of the LORD, O ye women, and let your ear receive the word of his mouth, and teach your daughters wailing, and every one her neighbour lamentation. ²¹For death is come up into our windows, *and* is entered into our palaces, to cut off the children from without, *and* the young men from the streets. ²²Speak, Thus saith the LORD, Even the carcasses of men shall fall as dung upon the open field, and as the handful after the harvestman, and none shall gather *them*.

²³Thus saith the LORD, Let not the wise *man* glory in his wisdom, neither let the mighty *man* glory in his might, let not the rich *man* glory in his riches: ²⁴but let him that glorieth glory in this, that he understandeth and knoweth me, that I *am* the LORD which exercise lovingkindness, judgment, and righteousness, in the earth: for in these *things* I delight, saith the LORD.

²⁵Behold, the days come, saith the LORD, that I will *punish all *them which are* circumcised with ^{Heb. visit upon.} the uncircumcised; ²⁶Egypt, and Judah, and Edom, and the children of Ammon, and Moab, and all *that are* *in the utmost corners, that ^{Heb. cut off into corners, or, having the corners of their hair polled.} dwell in the wilderness: for all *these* nations *are* uncircumcised, and all the house of Israel *are* uncircumcised in the heart.

X. HEAR ye the word which the LORD speaketh unto you, O house of Israel: ²Thus saith the LORD,

Learn not the way of the heathen, and be not dismayed at the signs of heaven; for the heathen are dismayed at them. ³For the *customs Heb. statutes, or, ordinances are vanity. of the people *are* vain: for *one* cutteth a tree out of the forest, the work of the hands of the workman, with the ax. ⁴They deck it with silver and with gold; they fasten it with nails and with hammers, that it move not. ⁵They *are* upright as the palm tree, but speak not: they must needs be borne, because they cannot go. Be not afraid of them; for they cannot do evil, neither also *is it* in them to do good.

⁶Forasmuch as *there is* none like unto thee, O LORD; thou *art* great, and thy name *is* great in might.

⁷Who would not fear thee, O king of nations? for *to thee doth it appertain: forasmuch as Or, it liketh thee.

among all the wise *men* of the nations, and in all their kingdoms, *there is* none like unto thee. ⁸But

they are *altogether brutish and foolish: Heb. in one, or, at once. the stock *is* a doctrine of vanities. ⁹Silver spread

into plates is brought from Tarshish, and gold from Uphaz, the work of the workman, and of the hands of the founder: blue and purple *is* their clothing: they *are* all the work of cunning *men*. ¹⁰But the

LORD *is* the *true God, he *is* the living God, Heb. God of truth. and an *everlasting king: at his wrath the Heb. king of eternity. earth shall tremble, and the nations shall not be able to abide his indignation.

¹¹Thus shall ye say unto them, The gods that have not made the heavens and the earth, *even* they shall perish from the earth, and from under these heavens.

¹²He hath made the earth by his power, he hath established the world by his wisdom, and hath stretched out the heavens by his discretion. ¹³When he uttereth his voice, *there is* a *multitude of Or, noise.

waters in the heavens, and he causeth the vapours to ascend from the ends of the earth; he maketh lightnings *with rain, and bringeth forth *Or, for rain.* the wind out of his treasures.

¹⁴ Every man *is brutish in *his* knowledge: *Or, is more brutish than to know.* every founder is confounded by the graven image: for his molten image *is* falsehood, and *there is* no breath in them. ¹⁵ They *are* vanity, *and* the work of errors: in the time of their visitation they shall perish. ¹⁶ The portion of Jacob *is* not like them: for he *is* the former of all *things*; and Israel *is* the rod of his inheritance: the LORD of hosts *is* his name.

¹⁷ Gather up thy wares out of the land, O *inhabitant of the fortress. ¹⁸ For thus saith the LORD, *Heb. inhabitress.* Behold, I will sling out the inhabitants of the land at this once, and will distress them, that they may find *it so*.

¹⁹ Woe is me for my hurt! my wound is grievous; but I said, Truly this *is* a grief, and I must bear it. ²⁰ My tabernacle is spoiled, and all my cords are broken: my children are gone forth of me, and they *are* not: *there is* none to stretch forth my tent any more, and to set up my curtains. ²¹ For the pastors are become brutish, and have not sought the LORD: therefore they shall not prosper, and all their flocks shall be scattered. ²² Behold, the noise of the bruit is come, and a great commotion out of the north country, to make the cities of Judah desolate, *and* a den of dragons.

²³ O LORD, I know that the way of man *is* not in himself: *it is* not in man that walketh to direct his steps. ²⁴ O LORD, correct me, but with judgment; not in thine anger, lest thou *bring me to *Heb. diminish me.* nothing. ²⁵ Pour out thy fury upon the heathen

that know thee not, and upon the families that call not on thy name: for they have eaten up Jacob, and devoured him, and consumed him, and have made his habitation desolate.

XI. The word that came to Jeremiah from the LORD, saying, ²Hear ye the words of this covenant, and speak unto the men of Judah, and to the inhabitants of Jerusalem; ³and say thou unto them, Thus saith the LORD God of Israel; Cursed *be* the man that obeyeth not the words of this covenant, ⁴which I commanded your fathers in the day *that* I brought them forth out of the land of Egypt, from the iron furnace, saying, Obey my voice, and do them, according to all which I command you: so shall ye be my people, and I will be your God: ⁵that I may perform the oath which I have sworn unto your fathers, to give them a land flowing with milk and honey, as *it is* this day. Then answered I, and said, *So be it, O LORD.

Heb. Amen.

⁶Then the LORD said unto me, Proclaim all these words in the cities of Judah, and in the streets of Jerusalem, saying, Hear ye the words of this covenant, and do them. ⁷For I earnestly protested unto your fathers in the day *that* I brought them up out of the land of Egypt, *even* unto this day, rising early and protesting, saying, Obey my voice. ⁸Yet they obeyed not, nor inclined their ear, but walked every one in the *imagination of their evil heart: therefore I will *Or, stubbornness.* bring upon them all the words of this covenant, which I commanded *them* to do; but they did *them* not.

⁹And the LORD said unto me, A conspiracy is found among the men of Judah, and among the inhabitants of Jerusalem. ¹⁰They are turned back to the iniquities of their forefathers, which refused to hear my words; and they went after other gods to serve them: the house of Israel and the house of Judah have broken

my covenant which I made with their fathers. ¹¹ Therefore thus saith the LORD,

Behold, I will bring evil upon them, which they shall not be able ^{*}to escape; and though they ^{Heb. to go forth of.} shall cry unto me, I will not hearken unto them. ¹² Then shall the cities of Judah and inhabitants of Jerusalem go, and cry unto the gods unto whom they offer incense: but they shall not save them at all in the time of their ^{*}trouble. ¹³ For ^{Heb. evil.} *according to* the number of thy cities were thy gods, O Judah; and *according to* the number of the streets of Jerusalem have ye set up altars to *that* ^{*}shameful thing, *even* altars to burn incense ^{Heb. shame.} unto Baal. ¹⁴ Therefore pray not thou for this people, neither lift up a cry or prayer for them: for I will not hear *them* in the time that they cry unto me for their ^{*}trouble. ^{Heb. evil.}

¹⁵ ^{*}What hath my beloved to do in mine ^{Heb. What is to my beloved in my house?} house, *seeing* she hath wrought lewdness with many, and the holy flesh is passed from thee? ^{*}when thou doest evil, then thou rejoicest. ^{Or, when thy evil is.}

¹⁶ The LORD called thy name, A green olive tree, fair, *and* of goodly fruit: with the noise of a great tumult he hath kindled fire upon it, and the branches of it are broken. ¹⁷ For the LORD of hosts, that planted thee, hath pronounced evil against thee, for the evil of the house of Israel and of the house of Judah, which they have done against themselves to provoke me to anger in offering incense unto Baal.

¹⁸ And the LORD hath given me knowledge *of it*, and I know *it*: then thou shewedst me their doings. ¹⁹ But I *was* like a lamb *or* an ox *that* is brought to the slaughter; and I knew not that they had

devised devices against me, *saying*, Let us destroy *the tree with the fruit thereof, and let us ^{Heb. the stalk with his bread.} cut him off from the land of the living, that his name may be no more remembered. ²⁰ But, O LORD of hosts, that judgest righteously, that triest the reins and the heart, let me see thy vengeance on them: for unto thee have I revealed my cause.

²¹ Therefore thus saith the LORD of the men of Anathoth, that seek thy life, saying, Prophecy not in the name of the LORD, that thou die not by our hand: ²² Therefore thus saith the LORD of hosts, Behold, I will *punish them: the young ^{Heb. visit upon.} men shall die by the sword; their sons and their daughters shall die by famine: ²³ and there shall be no remnant of them: for I will bring evil upon the men of Anathoth, *even* the year of their visitation.

XII. RIGHTEOUS *art* thou, O LORD, when I plead with thee: yet *let me talk with thee of *thy* ^{Or, let me reason the case with thee.} judgments: Wherefore doth the way of the wicked prosper? *wherefore* are all they happy that deal very treacherously? ² Thou hast planted them, yea, they have taken root: *they grow, yea, they ^{Heb. they go on.} bring forth fruit: thou *art* near in their mouth, and far from their reins. ³ But thou, O LORD, knowest me: thou hast seen me, and tried mine heart *toward thee: pull them out like sheep ^{Heb. with thee.} for the slaughter, and prepare them for the day of slaughter.

⁴ How long shall the land mourn, and the herbs of every field wither, for the wickedness of them that dwell therein? the beasts are consumed, and the birds; because they said, He shall not see our last end.

⁵ If thou hast run with the footmen, and they have

wearied thee, then how canst thou contend with horses? and *if* in the land of peace, *wherein* thou trustedst, *they wearied thee*, then how wilt thou do in the swelling of Jordan? ⁶For even thy brethren, and the house of thy father, even they have dealt treacherously with thee; yea, ^{*}they have called a multitude after thee: be- ^{Or, they cried after thee fully.} lieve them not, though they speak ^{*}fair ^{Heb. good things.} words unto thee.

⁷I have forsaken mine house, I have left mine heritage; I have given ^{*}the dearly beloved of my soul ^{Heb. the love.} into the hand of her enemies. ⁸Mine heritage is unto me as a lion in the forest; it ^{*}crieth out against me: therefore have I hated it. ^{Or, yelleth. Heb. giveth out his voice.} ⁹Mine heritage *is* unto me *as* a ^{*}speckled ^{Or, having talons.} bird, the birds round about *are* against her; come ye, assemble all the beasts of the field, ^{*}come to devour. ¹⁰Many pastors have destroyed ^{Or, cause them to come.} my vineyard, they have trodden my portion under foot, they have made my ^{*}pleasant portion ^{Heb. portion of desire.} a desolate wilderness. ¹¹They have made it desolate, *and being* desolate it mourneth unto me; the whole land is made desolate, because no man layeth *it* to heart.

¹²The spoilers are come upon all high places through the wilderness: for the sword of the LORD shall devour from the *one* end of the land even to the *other* end of the land: no flesh shall have peace.

¹³They have sown wheat, but shall reap thorns: they have put themselves to pain, *but* shall not profit: and ^{*}they shall be ashamed of your ^{Or, ye.} revenues because of the fierce anger of the LORD.

¹⁴Thus saith the LORD against all mine evil neighbours, that touch the inheritance which I have caused my people Israel to inherit; Behold, I will

pluck them out of their land, and pluck out the house of Judah from among them. ¹⁵And it shall come to pass, after that I have plucked them out I will return, and have compassion on them, and will bring them again, every man to his heritage, and every man to his land. ¹⁶And it shall come to pass, if they will diligently learn the ways of my people, to swear by my name, The LORD liveth; as they taught my people to swear by Baal; then shall they be built in the midst of my people. ¹⁷But if they will not obey, I will utterly pluck up and destroy that nation, saith the LORD.

XIII. THUS saith the LORD unto me, Go and get thee a linen girdle, and put it upon thy loins, and put it not in water. ²So I got a girdle according to the word of the LORD, and put *it* on my loins. ³And the word of the LORD came unto me the second time, saying, ⁴Take the girdle that thou hast got, which *is* upon thy loins, and arise, go to Euphrates, and hide it there in a hole of the rock. ⁵So I went, and hid it by Euphrates, as the LORD commanded me.

⁶And it came to pass after many days, that the LORD said unto me, Arise, go to Euphrates, and take the girdle from thence, which I commanded thee to hide there. ⁷Then I went to Euphrates, and digged, and took the girdle from the place where I had hid it: and, behold, the girdle was marred, it was profitable for nothing.

⁸Then the word of the LORD came unto me, saying,

⁹Thus saith the LORD, After this manner will I mar the pride of Judah, and the great pride of Jerusalem. ¹⁰This evil people, which refuse to hear my words, which walk in the *inagination ^{Or, stubbornness.} of their heart, and walk after other gods, to serve

them, and to worship them, shall even be as this girdle, which is good for nothing. "For as the girdle cleaveth to the loins of a man, so have I caused to cleave unto me the whole house of Israel and the whole house of Judah, saith the LORD; that they might be unto me for a people, and for a name, and for a praise, and for a glory: but they would not hear.

¹²Therefore thou shalt speak unto them this word; Thus saith the LORD God of Israel, Every bottle shall be filled with wine: and they shall say unto thee, Do we not certainly know that every bottle shall be filled with wine? ¹³Then shalt thou say unto them, Thus saith the LORD, Behold, I will fill all the inhabitants of this land, even the kings that sit upon David's throne, and the priests, and the prophets, and all the inhabitants of Jerusalem, with drunkenness. ¹⁴And I will dash them *one against another, even the fathers Heb. a man against his brother. and the sons together, saith the LORD: I will not pity, nor spare, nor have mercy, *but Heb. from destroying them. destroy them.

¹⁵Hear ye, and give ear; be not proud: for the LORD hath spoken. ¹⁶Give glory to the LORD your God, before he cause darkness, and before your feet stumble upon the dark mountains, and, while ye look for light, he turn it into the shadow of death, *and make it gross darkness.* ¹⁷But if ye will not hear it, my soul shall weep in secret places for *your* pride; and mine eye shall weep sore, and run down with tears, because the LORD's flock is carried away captive.

¹⁸Say unto the king and to the queen, Humble yourselves, sit down: for your *principalities shall Or, head tires. come down, *even* the crown of your glory. ¹⁹The

cities of the south shall be shut up, and none shall open *them*: Judah shall be carried away captive all of it, it shall be wholly carried away captive.

²⁰Lift up your eyes, and behold them that come from the north: where *is* the flock *that* was given thee, thy beautiful flock? ²¹What wilt thou say when he shall *punish thee? for thou hast ^{Heb. visit upon.} taught them *to be* captains, *and* as chief over thee: shall not sorrows take thee, as a woman in travail?

²²And if thou say in thine heart, Wherefore come these things upon me? For the greatness of thine iniquity are thy skirts discovered, *and* thy heels *made bare. ^{Or, shall be violently taken away.}

²³Can the Ethiopian change his skin, or the leopard his spots? *then* may ye also do good, that are *accustomed to do evil. ²⁴Therefore will ^{Heb. taught.} I scatter them as the stubble that passeth away by the wind of the wilderness. ²⁵This *is* thy lot, the portion of thy measures from me, saith the LORD; because thou hast forgotten me, and trusted in falsehood. ²⁶Therefore will I discover thy skirts upon thy face, that thy shame may appear. ²⁷I have seen thine adulteries, and thy neighings, the lewdness of thy whoredom, *and* thine abominations on the hills in the fields. Woe unto thee, O Jerusalem? wilt thou not be made clean? *when ^{Heb. after when yet?} *shall it* once *be*?

XIV. THE word of the LORD that came to Jeremiah *concerning the dearth. ^{Heb. the words of the dearths, or, restraints.}

²Judah mourneth, and the gates thereof languish; they are black unto the ground; and the cry of Jerusalem is gone up. ³And their nobles have sent their little ones to the waters: they came to the pits, *and* found no water; they returned

with their vessels empty; they were ashamed and confounded, and covered their heads. ⁴Because the ground is chapt, for there was no rain in the earth, the plowmen were ashamed, they covered their heads. ⁵Yea, the hind also calved in the field, and forsook *it*, because there was no grass. ⁶And the wild asses did stand in the high places, they snuffed up the wind like dragons; their eyes did fail, because *there was* no grass.

⁷O LORD, though our iniquities testify against us, do thou *it* for thy name's sake: for our backslidings are many; we have sinned against thee. ⁸O the hope of Israel, the saviour thereof in time of trouble, why shouldest thou be as a stranger in the land, and as a wayfaring man *that* turneth aside to tarry for a night? ⁹Why shouldest thou be as a man astonied, as a mighty man *that* cannot save? yet thou, O LORD, *art* in the midst of us, and ^{*}we are called by thy name; Heb. thy name is called upon us. leave us not.

¹⁰Thus saith the LORD unto this people, Thus have they loved to wander, they have not refrained their feet, therefore the LORD doth not accept them; he will now remember their iniquity, and visit their sins.

¹¹Then said the LORD unto me, Pray not for this people for *their* good. ¹²When they fast, I will not hear their cry; and when they offer burnt offering and an oblation, I will not accept them: but I will consume them by the sword, and by the famine, and by the pestilence.

¹³Then said I, Ah, Lord God! behold, the prophets say unto them, Ye shall not see the sword, neither shall ye have famine; but I will give you ^{*}assured peace in this place. ¹⁴Then the LORD said Heb. peace of truth.

unto me, The prophets prophesy lies in my name: I sent them not, neither have I commanded them, neither spake unto them: they prophesy unto you a false vision and divination, and a thing of nought, and the deceit of their heart.

- ¹⁵ Therefore thus saith the LORD concerning the prophets that prophesy in my name, and I sent them not, yet they say, Sword and famine shall not be in this land; By sword and famine shall those prophets be consumed. ¹⁶ And the people to whom they prophesy shall be cast out in the streets of Jerusalem because of the famine and the sword; and they shall have none to bury them, them, their wives, nor their sons, nor their daughters: for I will pour their wickedness upon them. ¹⁷ Therefore thou shalt say this word unto them; Let mine eyes run down with tears night and day, and let them not cease: for the virgin daughter of my people is broken with a great breach, with a very grievous blow. ¹⁸ If I go forth into the field, then behold the slain with the sword! and if I enter into the city, then behold them that are sick with famine! yea, both the prophet and the priest * go about into a land that they Or, make merchandise against a land, and men acknowledge it not. know not.

- ¹⁹ Hast thou utterly rejected Judah? hath thy soul lothed Zion? why hast thou smitten us, and *there is* no healing for us? we looked for peace, and *there is* no good; and for the time of healing, and behold trouble! ²⁰ We acknowledge, O LORD, our wickedness, *and* the iniquity of our fathers: for we have sinned against thee. ²¹ Do not abhor *us*, for thy name's sake, do not disgrace the throne of thy glory: remember, break not thy covenant with us. ²² Are there *any* among the vanities of

the Gentiles that can cause rain? or can the heavens give showers? *art* not thou he, O LORD our God? therefore we will wait upon thee: for thou hast made all these *things*.

XV. Then said the LORD unto me, Though Moses and Samuel stood before me, *yet* my mind *could* not *be* toward this people: cast *them* out of my sight, and let them go forth. ²And it shall come to pass, if they say unto thee, Whither shall we go forth? then thou shalt tell them, Thus saith the LORD; Such as *are* for death, to death; and such as *are* for the sword, to the sword; and such as *are* for the famine, to the famine; and such as *are* for the captivity, to the captivity. ³And I will appoint over them four ^{Heb. families.} **kinds*, saith the LORD: the sword to slay, and the dogs to tear, and the fowls of the heaven, and the beasts of the earth, to devour and destroy. ⁴And ^{Heb. I will give them for a removing.} **I* will cause them to be removed into all kingdoms of the earth, because of Manasseh the son of Hezekiah king of Judah, for *that* which he did in Jerusalem.

⁵For who shall have pity upon thee, O Jerusalem? or who shall bemoan thee? or who shall go aside **to* ask how thou doest? ⁶Thou hast for- ^{Heb. to ask of thy peace.} saken me, saith the LORD, thou art gone backward: therefore will I stretch out my hand against thee, and destroy thee; I am weary with repenting. ⁷And I will fan them with a fan in the gates of the land; I will bereave *them* of **children*, I ^{Or, whatsoever is dear.} will destroy my people, *since* they return not from their ways. ⁸Their widows are increased to me above the sand of the seas: I have brought upon them **against* the mother of the young men a spoiler at noonday: ^{Or, against the mother city a young man spoiling, &c. or, against the mother and the young men.}

I have caused *him* to fall upon it suddenly, and terrors upon the city.

⁹ She that hath borne seven languisheth: she hath given up the ghost; her sun is gone down while *it was* yet day: she hath been ashamed and confounded: and the residue of them will I deliver to the sword before their enemies, saith the LORD.

¹⁰ Woe is me, my mother, that thou hast borne me a man of strife and a man of contention to the whole earth! I have neither lent on usury, nor men have lent to me on usury; *yet* every one of them doth curse me. ¹¹ The LORD said, Verily it shall be well with thy remnant; verily *I will Or, I will entreat the enemy for thee. cause the enemy to entreat thee *well* in the time of evil and in the time of affliction.

¹² Shall iron break the northern iron and the steel?

¹³ Thy substance and thy treasures will I give to the spoil without price, and *that* for all thy sins, even in all thy borders. ¹⁴ And I will make *thee* to pass with thine enemies into a land *which* thou knowest not: for a fire is kindled in mine anger, *which* shall burn upon you.

¹⁵ O LORD, thou knowest: remember me, and visit me, and revenge me of my persecutors; take me not away in thy longsuffering: know that for thy sake I have suffered rebuke. ¹⁶ Thy words were found, and I did eat them; and thy word was unto me the joy and rejoicing of mine heart: for *I Heb. thy name is called upon me. am called by thy name, O LORD God of hosts. ¹⁷ I sat not in the assembly of the mockers, nor rejoiced; I sat alone because of thy hand: for thou hast filled me with indignation. ¹⁸ Why is my pain perpetual, and my wound incurable, *which* refuseth to be healed? wilt thou be altogether unto me as a liar, *and as waters that* *fail? Heb. be not sure.

¹⁹ Therefore thus saith the LORD, If thou return, then will I bring thee again, *and* thou shalt stand before me: and if thou take forth the precious from the vile, thou shalt be as my mouth: let them return unto thee; but return not thou unto them. ²⁰ And I will make thee unto this people a fenced brasen wall: and they shall fight against thee, but they shall not prevail against thee: for I *am* with thee to save thee and to deliver thee, saith the LORD. ²¹ And I will deliver thee out of the hand of the wicked, and I will redeem thee out of the hand of the terrible.

XVI. THE word of the LORD came also unto me, saying, ² Thou shalt not take thee a wife, neither shalt thou have sons or daughters in this place. ³ For thus saith the LORD concerning the sons and concerning the daughters that are born in this place, and concerning their mothers that bare them, and concerning their fathers that begat them in this land; ⁴ They shall die of grievous deaths; they shall not be lamented; neither shall they be buried; *but* they shall be as dung upon the face of the earth: and they shall be consumed by the sword, and by famine; and their carcasses shall be meat for the fowls of heaven, and for the beasts of the earth.

⁵ For thus saith the LORD, Enter not into the house of *mourning, neither go to lament nor ^{Or, mourning feast.} bemoan them: for I have taken away my peace from this people, saith the LORD, *even* lovingkindness and mercies.

⁶ Both the great and the small shall die in this land: they shall not be buried, neither shall *men* lament for them, nor cut themselves, nor make themselves bald for them: ⁷ neither shall *men* *tear ^{Or, break bread for them.}

themselves for them in mourning, to comfort them for the dead; neither shall *men* give them the cup of consolation to drink for their father or for their mother.

⁸ Thou shalt not also go into the house of feasting, to sit with them to eat and to drink. ⁹ For thus saith the LORD of hosts, the God of Israel; Behold, I will cause to cease out of this place in your eyes, and in your days, the voice of mirth, and the voice of gladness, the voice of the bridegroom, and the voice of the bride.

¹⁰ And it shall come to pass, when thou shalt shew this people all these words, and they shall say unto thee, Wherefore hath the LORD pronounced all this great evil against us? or what *is* our iniquity? or what *is* our sin that we have committed against the LORD our God? ¹¹ Then shalt thou say unto them, Because your fathers have forsaken me, saith the LORD, and have walked after other gods, and have served them, and have worshipped them, and have forsaken me, and have not kept my law; ¹² and ye have done worse than your fathers; for, behold, ye walk every one after the *imagination of his evil ^{Or, stubbornness.} heart, that they may not hearken unto me; ¹³ therefore will I cast you out of this land into a land that ye know not, *neither* ye nor your fathers; and there shall ye serve other gods day and night; where I will not shew you favour.

¹⁴ Therefore, behold, the days come, saith the LORD, that it shall no more be said, The LORD liveth, that brought up the children of Israel out of the land of Egypt; ¹⁵ but, The LORD liveth, that brought up the children of Israel from the land of the north, and from all the lands whither he

had driven them: and I will bring them again into their land that I gave unto their fathers.

¹⁶ Behold, I will send for many fishers, saith the LORD, and they shall fish them; and after will I send for many hunters, and they shall hunt them from every mountain, and from every hill, and out of the holes of the rocks. ¹⁷ For mine eyes *are* upon all their ways: they are not hid from my face, neither is their iniquity hid from mine eyes. ¹⁸ And first I will recompense their iniquity and their sin double; because they have defiled my land, they have filled mine inheritance with the carcases of their detestable and abominable things.

¹⁹ O LORD, my strength, and my fortress, and my refuge in the day of affliction, the Gentiles shall come unto thee from the ends of the earth, and shall say, Surely our fathers have inherited lies, vanity, and *things* wherein *there is* no profit. ²⁰ Shall a man make gods unto himself, and they *are* no gods? ²¹ Therefore, behold, I will this once cause them to know, I will cause them to know mine hand and my might; and they shall know that my name is *The LORD. Or, JEHOVAH.

XVII. THE sin of Judah *is* written with a pen of iron, *and* with the *point of a diamond: *it* Heb. nail. *is* graven upon the table of their heart, and upon the horns of your altars; ² whilst their children remember their altars and their groves by the green trees upon the high hills.

³ O my mountain in the field, I will give thy substance *and* all thy treasures to the spoil, *and* thy high places for sin, throughout all thy borders. ⁴ And thou, even *thyself, shalt discontinue from Heb. in thyself. thine heritage that I gave thee; and I will cause thee to serve thine enemies in the land which thou

knowest not: for ye have kindled a fire in mine anger, *which* shall burn for ever.

⁵ Thus saith the LORD; Cursed *be* the man that trusteth in man, and maketh flesh his arm, and whose heart departeth from the LORD. ⁶ For he shall be like the heath in the desert, and shall not see when good cometh; but shall inhabit the parched places in the wilderness, *in* a salt land and not inhabited.

⁷ Blessed *is* the man that trusteth in the LORD, and whose hope the LORD is. ⁸ For he shall be as a tree planted by the waters, and *that* spreadeth out her roots by the river, and shall not see when heat cometh, but her leaf shall be green; and shall not be careful in the year of *drought, Or, *restraint*. neither shall cease from yielding fruit.

⁹ The heart *is* deceitful above all *things*, and desperately wicked: who can know it? ¹⁰ I the LORD search the heart, *I* try the reins, even to give every man according to his ways, *and* according to the fruit of his doings.

¹¹ As the partridge *sitteth *on eggs*, and Or, *gathereth young which she hath not brought forth.* hatcheth *them* not; so he that getteth riches, and not by right, shall leave them in the midst of his days, and at his end shall be a fool.

¹² A glorious high throne from the beginning *is* the place of our sanctuary. ¹³ O LORD, the hope of Israel, all that forsake thee shall be ashamed, *and* they that depart from me shall be written in the earth, because they have forsaken the LORD, the fountain of living waters. ¹⁴ Heal me, O LORD, and I shall be healed; save me, and I shall be saved: for thou *art* my praise.

¹⁵ Behold, they say unto me, Where *is* the word of the LORD? let it come now. ¹⁶ As for me, I have not hastened from *being* a pastor *to follow ^{Heb. after thee.}

thee: neither have I desired the woeful day; thou knowest: that which came out of my lips was *right* before thee.

¹⁷ Be not a terror unto me: thou *art* my hope in the day of evil. ¹⁸ Let them be confounded that persecute me, but let not me be confounded: let them be dismayed, but let not me be dismayed: bring upon them the day of evil, and *de- Heb. break them with a double breach.stroy them with double destruction.

¹⁹ Thus saith the LORD unto me; Go and stand in the gate of the children of the people, whereby the kings of Judah come in, and by the which they go out, and in all the gates of Jerusalem; ²⁰ and say unto them, Hear ye the word of the LORD, ye kings of Judah, and all Judah, and all the inhabitants of Jerusalem, that enter in by these gates: ²¹ Thus saith the LORD; Take heed to yourselves, and bear no burden on the sabbath day, nor bring *it* in by the gates of Jerusalem; ²² neither carry forth a burden out of your houses on the sabbath day, neither do ye any work, but hallow ye the sabbath day, as I commanded your fathers. ²³ But they obeyed not, neither inclined their ear, but made their neck stiff, that they might not hear, nor receive instruction.

²⁴ And it shall come to pass, if ye diligently hearken unto me, saith the LORD, to bring in no burden through the gates of this city on the sabbath day, but hallow the sabbath day, to do no work therein; ²⁵ then shall there enter into the gates of this city kings and princes sitting upon the throne of David, riding in chariots, and on horses, they, and their princes, the men of Judah, and the inhabitants of Jerusalem: and this city shall remain for ever. ²⁶ And they shall come from the cities of Judah, and from

the places about Jerusalem, and from the land of Benjamin, and from the plain, and from the mountains, and from the south, bringing burnt offerings, and sacrifices, and meat offerings, and incense, and bringing sacrifices of praise, unto the house of the LORD.

²⁷ But if ye will not hearken unto me to hallow the sabbath day, and not to bear a burden, even entering in at the gates of Jerusalem on the sabbath day; then will I kindle a fire in the gates thereof, and it shall devour the palaces of Jerusalem, and it shall not be quenched.

XVIII. THE word which came to Jeremiah from the LORD, saying, ² Arise, and go down to the potter's house, and there I will cause thee to hear my words.

³ Then I went down to the potter's house, and, behold, he wrought a work on the *wheels. ⁴ And the vessel *that he made of clay was marred in the hand of the potter: so he *made it again another vessel, as seemed good to the potter to make it.

⁵ Then the word of the LORD came to me, saying,

⁶ O house of Israel, cannot I do with you as this potter? saith the LORD. Behold, as the clay is in the potter's hand, so *are* ye in mine hand, O house of Israel. ⁷ *At what* instant I shall speak concerning a nation, and concerning a kingdom, to pluck up, and to pull down, and to destroy it; ⁸ if that nation against whom I have pronounced, turn from their evil, I will repent of the evil that I thought to do unto them. ⁹ And *at what* instant I shall speak concerning a nation, and concerning a kingdom, to build and to plant it; ¹⁰ if it do evil in my sight, that it obey not my voice, then I

will repent of the good wherewith I said I would benefit them.

¹¹ Now therefore go to, speak to the men of Judah, and to the inhabitants of Jerusalem, saying, Thus saith the LORD; Behold, I frame evil against you, and devise a device against you: return ye now every one from his evil way, and make your ways and your doings good. ¹² And they said, There is no hope: but we will walk after our own devices, and we will every one do the imaginations of his evil heart.

¹³ Therefore thus saith the LORD; Ask ye now among the heathen, who hath heard such things: the virgin of Israel hath done a very horrible thing.

¹⁴ Will a man leave *the snow of Or, my fields for a rock, or for the snow of Lebanon? shall the running waters be forsaken for the strange cold waters? Lebanon *which cometh* from the

rock of the field? *or* shall the cold flowing waters that come from another place be forsaken? ¹⁵ Be-

cause my people hath forgotten me, they have burned incense to vanity, and they have caused them to stumble in their ways *from* the ancient paths, to walk in paths, *in* a way not cast up;

¹⁶ to make their land desolate, *and* a perpetual hissing; every one that passeth thereby shall be astonished, and wag his head. ¹⁷ I will scatter them as with an east wind before the enemy; I will shew them the back, and not the face, in the day of their calamity.

¹⁸ Then said they, Come, and let us devise devices against Jeremiah; for the law shall not perish from the priest, nor counsel from the wise, nor the word from the prophet. Come, and let us smite him *with the tongue, and let us not Or, for the tongue. give heed to any of his words.

¹⁹ Give heed to me, O LORD, and hearken to the voice

of them that contend with me. ²⁰ Shall evil be recompensed for good? for they have digged a pit for my soul. Remember that I stood before thee to speak good for them, *and* to turn away thy wrath from them. ²¹ Therefore deliver up their children to the famine, and *pour out ^{Heb. pour them out.} their *blood* by the force of the sword; and let their wives be bereaved of their children, and *be* widows; and let their men be put to death; *let* their young men *be* slain by the sword in battle. ²² Let a cry be heard from their houses, when thou shalt bring a troop suddenly upon them: for they have digged a pit to take me, and hid snares for my feet. ²³ Yet, LORD, thou knowest all their counsel against me *to slay *me*: forgive not ^{Heb. for death.} their iniquity, neither blot out their sin from thy sight, but let them be overthrown before thee; deal *thus* with them in the time of thine anger.

XIX. THUS saith the LORD, Go, and get a potter's earthen bottle, and *take* of the ancients of the people, and of the ancients of the priests; ² and go forth unto the valley of the son of Hinnom, which *is* by the entry of *the east gate, and proclaim there the ^{Heb. the sun gate.} words that I shall tell thee, ³ and say, Hear ye the word of the LORD, O kings of Judah, and inhabitants of Jerusalem; Thus saith the LORD of hosts, the God of Israel; Behold, I will bring evil upon this place, the which whosoever heareth, his ears shall tingle. ⁴ Because they have forsaken me, and have estranged this place, and have burned incense in it unto other gods, whom neither they nor their fathers have known, nor the kings of Judah, and have filled this place with the blood of innocents; ⁵ they have built also the high places of Baal, to burn their sons with fire *for* burnt

offerings unto Baal, which I commanded not, nor spake *it*, neither came *it* into my mind:

⁶Therefore, behold, the days come, saith the LORD, that this place shall no more be called Tophet, nor The valley of the son of Hinnom, but The valley of slaughter. ⁷And I will make void the counsel of Judah and Jerusalem in this place; and I will cause them to fall by the sword before their enemies, and by the hands of them that seek their lives: and their carcases will I give to be meat for the fowls of the heaven, and for the beasts of the earth. ⁸And I will make this city desolate, and an hissing; every one that passeth thereby shall be astonished and hiss because of all the plagues thereof. ⁹And I will cause them to eat the flesh of their sons and the flesh of their daughters, and they shall eat every one the flesh of his friend in the siege and straitness, wherewith their enemies, and they that seek their lives, shall straiten them.

¹⁰Then shalt thou break the bottle in the sight of the men that go with thee, ¹¹and shalt say unto them, Thus saith the LORD of hosts; Even so will I break this people, and this city, as *one* breaketh a potter's vessel, that cannot ^{*}be made whole again; and ^{Heb. be healed.} they shall bury *them* in Tophet, till *there be* no place to bury. ¹²Thus will I do unto this place, saith the LORD, and to the inhabitants thereof, and *even* make this city as Tophet: ¹³and the houses of Jerusalem, and the houses of the kings of Judah, shall be defiled as the place of Tophet, because of all the houses upon whose roofs they have burned incense unto all the host of heaven, and have poured out drink offerings unto other gods.

¹⁴Then came Jeremiah from Tophet, whither the LORD had sent him to prophesy; and he stood in the court of the LORD's house, and said to all the

people, ¹⁵Thus saith the LORD of hosts, the God of Israel; Behold, I will bring upon this city and upon all her towns all the evil that I have pronounced against it, because they have hardened their necks, that they might not hear my words.

XX. Now Pashur the son of Immer the priest, who *was* also chief governor in the house of the LORD, heard that Jeremiah prophesied these things. ²Then Pashur smote Jeremiah the prophet, and put him in the stocks that *were* in the high gate of Benjamin, which *was* by the house of the LORD.

³And it came to pass on the morrow, that Pashur brought forth Jeremiah out of the stocks. Then said Jeremiah unto him, The LORD hath not called thy name Pashur, but ^{*}Magor-missabib. ⁴For ^{That is, Fear round about.} Thus saith the LORD, Behold, I will make thee a terror to thyself, and to all thy friends: and they shall fall by the sword of their enemies, and thine eyes shall behold *it*: and I will give all Judah into the hand of the king of Babylon, and he shall carry them captive into Babylon, and shall slay them with the sword. ⁵Moreover I will deliver all the strength of this city, and all the labours thereof, and all the precious things thereof, and all the treasures of the kings of Judah will I give into the hand of their enemies, which shall spoil them, and take them, and carry them to Babylon. ⁶And thou, Pashur, and all that dwell in thine house, shall go into captivity: and thou shalt come to Babylon, and there thou shalt die, and shalt be buried there, thou, and all thy friends, to whom thou hast prophesied lies.

⁷ O LORD, thou hast deceived me, and I was ^{*}deceived: thou art stronger than I, and hast pre- ^{Or, enticed.} vailed: I am in derision daily, every one mocketh

me. ⁸ For since I spake, I cried out, I cried violence and spoil; because the word of the LORD was made a reproach unto me, and a derision, daily.

⁹ Then I said, I will not make mention of him, nor speak any more in his name. But *his word* was in mine heart as a burning fire shut up in my bones, and I was weary with forbearing, and I could not *stay*.

¹⁰ For I heard the defaming of many, fear on every side. Report, *say they*, and we will report it. *All my familiars watched for my halt-^{Heb. Every man of my peace.} ing, *saying*, Peradventure he will be enticed, and we shall prevail against him, and we shall take our revenge on him.

¹¹ But the LORD *is* with me as a mighty terrible one: therefore my persecutors shall stumble, and they shall not prevail: they shall be greatly ashamed; for they shall not prosper: *their* everlasting confusion shall never be forgotten. ¹² But, O LORD of hosts, that triest the righteous, *and* seest the reins and the heart, let me see thy vengeance on them: for unto thee have I opened my cause.

¹³ Sing unto the LORD, praise ye the LORD: for he hath delivered the soul of the poor from the hand of evildoers.

¹⁴ Cursed *be* the day wherein I was born: let not the day wherein my mother bare me be blessed.

¹⁵ Cursed *be* the man who brought tidings to my father, saying, A man child is born unto thee; making him very glad. ¹⁶ And let that man be as the cities which the LORD overthrew, and repented not: and let him hear the cry in the morning, and the shouting at noontide; ¹⁷ because he slew me not from the womb; or that my mother might have been my grave, and her womb *to be* always great

with me. ¹⁸Wherefore came I forth out of the womb to see labour and sorrow, that my days should be consumed with shame?

XXI. THE word which came unto Jeremiah from the LORD, when king Zedekiah sent unto him Pashur the son of Melchiah, and Zephaniah the son of Maaseiah the priest, saying, ²Enquire, I pray thee, of the LORD for us; for Nebuchadrezzar king of Babylon maketh war against us; if so be that the LORD will deal with us according to all his wondrous works, that he may go up from us.

³Then said Jeremiah unto them, Thus shall ye say to Zedekiah: ⁴Thus saith the LORD God of Israel; Behold, I will turn back the weapons of war that *are* in your hands, wherewith ye fight against the king of Babylon, and *against* the Chaldeans, which besiege you without the walls, and I will assemble them into the midst of this city. ⁵And I myself will fight against you with an outstretched hand and with a strong arm, even in anger, and in fury, and in great wrath. ⁶And I will smite the inhabitants of this city, both man and beast: they shall die of a great pestilence. ⁷And afterward, saith the LORD, I will deliver Zedekiah king of Judah, and his servants, and the people, and such as are left in this city from the pestilence, from the sword, and from the famine, into the hand of Nebuchadrezzar king of Babylon, and into the hand of their enemies, and into the hand of those that seek their life: and he shall smite them with the edge of the sword; he shall not spare them, neither have pity, nor have mercy.

⁸And unto this people thou shalt say, Thus saith the LORD; Behold, I set before you the way of life, and the way of death. ⁹He that abideth in this city shall die by the sword, and by the famine, and by the pesti-

lence: but he that goeth out, and falleth to the Chaldeans that besiege you, he shall live, and his life shall be unto him for a prey. ¹⁰ For I have set my face against this city for evil, and not for good, saith the LORD: it shall be given into the hand of the king of Babylon, and he shall burn it with fire.

¹¹ And touching the house of the king of Judah, *say*, Hear ye the word of the LORD;

¹² O house of David, thus saith the LORD; *Execute judgment in the morning, and deliver *him* Heb. Judge. that is spoiled out of the hand of the oppressor, lest my fury go out like fire, and burn that none can quench *it*, because of the evil of your doings.

¹³ Behold, I *am* against thee, O *inhabitant of Heb. inhabitress. the valley, *and* rock of the plain, saith the LORD; which say, Who shall come down against us? or who shall enter into our habitations? ¹⁴ But I will *punish you according to the fruit of your Heb. visit upon. doings, saith the LORD: and I will kindle a fire in the forest thereof, and it shall devour all things round about it.

XXII. THUS saith the LORD; Go down to the house of the king of Judah, and speak there this word, ² and say, Hear the word of the LORD, O king of Judah, that sittest upon the throne of David, thou, and thy servants, and thy people that enter in by these gates: ³ Thus saith the LORD; Execute ye judgment and righteousness, and deliver the spoiled out of the hand of the oppressor: and do no wrong, do no violence to the stranger, the fatherless, nor the widow, neither shed innocent blood in this place. ⁴ For if ye do this thing indeed, then shall there enter in by the gates of this house kings sitting *upon the throne of David, riding Heb. for David upon his throne.

in chariots and on horses, he, and his servants, and his people.

⁵ But if ye will not hear these words, I swear by myself, saith the LORD, that this house shall become a desolation. ⁶ For thus saith the LORD unto the king's house of Judah; Thou *art* Gilead unto me, *and* the head of Lebanon: *yet* surely I will make thee a wilderness, *and* cities *which* are not inhabited. ⁷ And I will prepare destroyers against thee, every one with his weapons: and they shall cut down thy choice cedars, and cast *them* into the fire. ⁸ And many nations shall pass by this city, and they shall say every man to his neighbour, Wherefore hath the LORD done thus unto this great city? ⁹ Then they shall answer, Because they have forsaken the covenant of the LORD their God, and worshipped other gods, and served them.

¹⁰ Weep ye not for the dead, neither bemoan him; *but* weep sore for him that goeth away: for he shall return no more, nor see his native country. ¹¹ For thus saith the LORD touching Shallum the son of Josiah king of Judah, which reigned instead of Josiah his father, which went forth out of this place; He shall not return hither any more: ¹² but he shall die in the place whither they have led him captive, and shall see this land no more.

¹³ Woe unto him that buildeth his house by unrighteousness, and his chambers by wrong; *that* useth his neighbour's service without wages, and giveth him not for his work; ¹⁴ that saith, I will build me a wide house and *large chambers, and <sup>Heb. through-
aired.</sup> cutteth him out *windows; and *it is* ceiled <sup>Or, my win-
dows.</sup> with cedar, and painted with vermilion. ¹⁵ Shalt thou reign, because thou closest *thyself* in cedar? did not thy father eat and drink, and do judg-

ment and justice, *and* then *it was* well with him?
¹⁶ He judged the cause of the poor and needy;
 then *it was* well *with him*: *was* not this to know
 me? saith the LORD. ¹⁷ But thine eyes and thine
 heart *are* not but for thy covetousness, and for to
 shed innocent blood, and for oppression, and for
 * violence, to do *it*. Or, *incursion*.

¹⁸ Therefore thus saith the LORD concerning Jehoiakim,
 the son of Josiah king of Judah; They shall not
 lament for him, *saying*, Ah my brother! or, Ah
 sister! they shall not lament for him, *saying*, Ah
 lord! or, Ah his glory! ¹⁹ He shall be buried with
 the burial of an ass, drawn and cast forth beyond
 the gates of Jerusalem.

²⁰ Go up to Lebanon, and cry; and lift up thy voice in
 Bashan, and cry from the passages: for all thy
 lovers are destroyed.

²¹ I spake unto thee in thy *prosperity: *but* ^{Heb. prosperities.}
 thou saidst, I will not hear. This *hath been* thy
 manner from thy youth, that thou obeyedst not
 my voice. ²² The wind shall eat up all thy pastors,
 and thy lovers shall go into captivity: surely then
 shalt thou be ashamed and confounded for all thy
 wickedness. ²³ O *inhabitant of Lebanon, ^{Heb. inhabitress.}
 that makest thy nest in the cedars, how gracious
 shalt thou be when pangs come upon thee, the
 pain as of a woman in travail!

²⁴ As I live, saith the LORD, though Coniah the son of
 Jehoiakim king of Judah were the signet upon
 my right hand, yet would I pluck thee thence;
²⁵ and I will give thee into the hand of them that
 seek thy life, and into the hand *of them* whose face
 thou fearest, even into the hand of Nebuchad-
 rezzar king of Babylon, and into the hand of the
 Chaldeans. ²⁶ And I will cast thee out, and thy

mother that bare thee, into another country, where ye were not born; and there shall ye die. ²⁷ But to the land whereunto they *desire to Heb. lift up their mind. return, thither shall they not return.

²⁸ *Is* this man Coniah a despised broken idol? *is he* a vessel wherein *is* no pleasure? wherefore are they cast out, he and his seed, and are cast into a land which they know not?

²⁹ O earth, earth, earth, hear the word of the LORD. ³⁰ Thus saith the LORD, Write ye this man childless, a man *that* shall not prosper in his days: for no man of his seed shall prosper, sitting upon the throne of David, and ruling any more in Judah.

XXIII. WOE be unto the pastors that destroy and scatter the sheep of my pasture! saith the LORD.

² Therefore thus saith the LORD God of Israel against the pastors that feed my people; Ye have scattered my flock, and driven them away, and have not visited them: behold, I will visit upon you the evil of your doings, saith the LORD. ³ And I will gather the remnant of my flock out of all countries whither I have driven them, and will bring them again to their folds; and they shall be fruitful and increase. ⁴ And I will set up shepherds over them which shall feed them: and they shall fear no more, nor be dismayed, neither shall they be lacking, saith the LORD.

⁵ Behold, the days come, saith the LORD, that I will raise unto David a righteous Branch, and a King shall reign and prosper, and shall execute judgment and justice in the earth. ⁶ In his days Judah shall be saved, and Israel shall dwell safely: and this *is* his name whereby he shall be called, *THE LORD OUR RIGHTEOUSNESS. Heb. Jehovah-tsidkenu.

⁷ Therefore, behold, the days come, saith the LORD, that they shall no more say, The LORD liveth, which brought up the children of Israel out of the land of Egypt: ⁸ but, The LORD liveth, which brought up and which led the seed of the house of Israel out of the north country, and from all countries whither I had driven them; and they shall dwell in their own land.

⁹ Mine heart within me is broken because of the prophets; all my bones shake; I am like a drunken man, and like a man whom wine hath overcome, because of the LORD, and because of the words of his holiness. ¹⁰ For the land is full of adulterers; for because of ^{*}swearing the land mourneth; *Or, cursing.* the pleasant places of the wilderness are dried up, and their ^{*}course is evil, and their force *is Or, violence.* not right. ¹¹ For both prophet and priest are profane; yea, in my house have I found their wickedness, saith the LORD. ¹² Wherefore their way shall be unto them as slippery *ways* in the darkness: they shall be driven on, and fall therein: for I will bring evil upon them, *even* the year of their visitation, saith the LORD.

¹³ And I have seen ^{*}folly in the prophets *Or, an absurd thing. Heb. unsacoury.* of Samaria; they prophesied in Baal, and caused my people Israel to err. ¹⁴ I have seen also in the prophets of Jerusalem ^{*}an horrible thing: *Or, filthiness.* they commit adultery, and walk in lies: they strengthen also the hands of evildoers, that none doth return from his wickedness: they are all of them unto me as Sodom, and the inhabitants thereof as Gomorrah.

¹⁵ Therefore thus saith the LORD of hosts concerning the prophets; Behold, I will feed them with worm-wood, and make them drink the water of gall: for

from the prophets of Jerusalem is ^{*}prophaneness gone forth into all the land. Or, *hypocrisy*.

¹⁶ Thus saith the LORD of hosts, Hearken not unto the words of the prophets that prophesy unto you: they make you vain: they speak a vision of their own heart, *and* not out of the mouth of the LORD.

¹⁷ They say still unto them that despise me, The LORD hath said, Ye shall have peace; and they say unto every one that walketh after the ^{*}imagination of his own heart, No evil shall come upon you. Or, *stubbornness*.

¹⁸ For who hath stood in the ^{*}counsel of the LORD, and hath perceived and heard his word? who hath marked his word, and heard *it*? Or, *secret*.

¹⁹ Behold, a whirlwind of the LORD is gone forth in fury, even a grievous whirlwind: it shall fall grievously upon the head of the wicked. ²⁰ The anger of the LORD shall not return, until he have executed, and till he have performed the thoughts of his heart: in the latter days ye shall consider it perfectly.

²¹ I have not sent these prophets, yet they ran: I have not spoken to them, yet they prophesied. ²² But if they had stood in my counsel, and had caused my people to hear my words, then they should have turned them from their evil way, and from the evil of their doings.

²³ *Am* I a God at hand, saith the LORD, and not a God afar off? ²⁴ Can any hide himself in secret places that I shall not see him? saith the LORD. Do not I fill heaven and earth? saith the LORD.

²⁵ I have heard what the prophets said, that prophesy lies in my name, saying, I have dreamed, I have dreamed. ²⁶ How long shall *this* be in the heart of the prophets that prophesy lies? yea, *they are* prophets of the deceit of their own heart; ²⁷ which

think to cause my people to forget my name by their dreams which they tell every man to his neighbour, as their fathers have forgotten my name for Baal. ²⁸ The prophet * that hath a dream, ^{Heb. with whom is.} let him tell a dream; and he that hath my word, let him speak my word faithfully. What *is* the chaff to the wheat? saith the LORD. ²⁹ *Is* not my word like as a fire? saith the LORD; and like a hammer *that* breaketh the rock in pieces?

³⁰ Therefore, behold, I *am* against the prophets, saith the LORD, that steal my words every one from his neighbour. ³¹ Behold, I *am* against the prophets, saith the LORD, * that use their tongues, ^{Or, that smooth their tongues.} and say, He saith. ³² Behold, I *am* against them that prophesy false dreams, saith the LORD, and do tell them, and cause my people to err by their lies, and by their lightness; yet I sent them not, nor commanded them: therefore they shall not profit this people at all, saith the LORD.

³³ And when this people, or the prophet, or a priest, shall ask thee, saying, What *is* the burden of the LORD? thou shalt then say unto them, What burden? I will even forsake you, saith the LORD. ³⁴ And *as for* the prophet, and the priest, and the people, that shall say, The burden of the LORD, I will even * punish that man and his house. ^{Heb. visit upon.}

³⁵ Thus shall ye say every one to his neighbour, and every one to his brother, What hath the LORD answered? and, What hath the LORD spoken?

³⁶ And the burden of the LORD shall ye mention no more: for every man's word shall be his burden; for ye have perverted the words of the living God, of the LORD of hosts our God.

³⁷ Thus shalt thou say to the prophet, What hath the LORD answered thee? and, What hath the LORD

spoken? ³⁸ But since ye say, The burden of the LORD; therefore thus saith the LORD; Because ye say this word, The burden of the LORD, and I have sent unto you, saying, Ye shall not say, The burden of the LORD; ³⁹ therefore, behold, I, even I, will utterly forget you, and I will forsake you, and the city that I gave you and your fathers, *and cast you out of my presence*: ⁴⁰ and I will bring an everlasting reproach upon you, and a perpetual shame, which shall not be forgotten.

XXIV. THE LORD shewed me, and, behold, two baskets of figs *were* set before the temple of the LORD, after that Nebuchadrezzar king of Babylon had carried away captive Jeconiah the son of Jehoiakim king of Judah, and the princes of Judah, with the carpenters and smiths, from Jerusalem, and had brought them to Babylon. ² One basket *had* very good figs, *even* like the figs *that are* first ripe: and the other basket *had* very naughty figs, which could not be eaten, * they ^{Heb. for badness.} were so bad.

³ Then said the LORD unto me, What seest thou, Jeremiah? And I said, Figs; the good figs, very good; and the evil, very evil, that cannot be eaten, they are so evil.

⁴ Again the word of the LORD came unto me, saying,

⁵ Thus saith the LORD, the God of Israel; Like these good figs, so will I acknowledge * them that ^{Heb. the captivity.} are carried away captive of Judah, whom I have sent out of this place into the land of the Chaldeans for *their* good. ⁶ For I will set mine eyes upon them for good, and I will bring them again to this land: and I will build them, and not pull *them* down; and I will plant them, and not pluck *them* up. ⁷ And I will give them an heart to know me,

that I *am* the LORD: and they shall be my people, and I will be their God: for they shall return unto me with their whole heart.

⁸ And as the evil figs, which cannot be eaten, they are so evil; surely thus saith the LORD, So will I give Zedekiah the king of Judah, and his princes, and the residue of Jerusalem, that remain in this land, and them that dwell in the land of Egypt: ⁹ and I will deliver them *to be removed into ^{Heb. for removing, or, vexation.} all the kingdoms of the earth for *their* hurt, *to be* a reproach and a proverb, a taunt and a curse, in all places whither I shall drive them. ¹⁰ And I will send the sword, the famine, and the pestilence, among them, till they be consumed from off the land that I gave unto them and to their fathers.

XXV. THE word that came to Jeremiah concerning all the people of Judah in the fourth year of Jehoiakim the son of Josiah king of Judah, that *was* the first year of Nebuchadrezzar king of Babylon; ² the which Jeremiah the prophet spake unto all the people of Judah, and to all the inhabitants of Jerusalem, saying,

³ From the thirteenth year of Josiah the son of Amon king of Judah, even unto this day, that *is* the three and twentieth year, the word of the LORD hath come unto me, and I have spoken unto you, rising early and speaking; but ye have not hearkened. ⁴ And the LORD hath sent unto you all his servants the prophets, rising early and sending *them*; but ye have not hearkened, nor inclined your ear to hear. ⁵ They said, Turn ye again now every one from his evil way, and from the evil of your doings, and dwell in the land that the LORD hath given unto you and to your fathers for ever and ever: ⁶ and go not after other gods to serve them, and to worship them, and provoke

me not to anger with the works of your hands; and I will do you no hurt. ⁷ Yet ye have not hearkened unto me, saith the LORD; that ye might provoke me to anger with the works of your hands to your own hurt.

⁸ Therefore thus saith the LORD of hosts; Because ye have not heard my words, ⁹ behold, I will send and take all the families of the north, saith the LORD, and Nebuchadrezzar the king of Babylon, my servant, and will bring them against this land, and against the inhabitants thereof, and against all these nations round about, and will utterly destroy them, and make them an astonishment, and an hissing, and perpetual desolations.

¹⁰ Moreover ^{*} I will take from them the Heb. I will cause to perish from them. voice of mirth, and the voice of gladness, the voice of the bridegroom, and the voice of the bride, the sound of the millstones, and the light of the candle. ¹¹ And this whole land shall be a desolation, *and* an astonishment; and these nations shall serve the king of Babylon seventy years.

¹² And it shall come to pass, when seventy years are accomplished, *that* I will ^{*} punish the king of Heb. visit upon. Babylon, and that nation, saith the LORD, for their iniquity, and the land of the Chaldeans, and will make it perpetual desolations. ¹³ And I will bring upon that land all my words which I have pronounced against it, *even* all that is written in this book, which Jeremiah hath prophesied against all the nations. ¹⁴ For many nations and great kings shall serve themselves of them also: and I will recompense them according to their deeds, and according to the works of their own hands.

¹⁵ For thus saith the LORD God of Israel unto me; Take the wine cup of this fury at my hand, and cause all the nations, to whom I send thee, to drink it.

¹⁶ And they shall drink, and be moved, and be mad, because of the sword that I will send among them.

¹⁷ Then took I the cup at the LORD's hand, and made all the nations to drink, unto whom the LORD had sent me: ¹⁸ *to wit*, Jerusalem, and the cities of Judah, and the kings thereof, and the princes thereof, to make them a desolation, an astonishment, an hissing, and a curse; as *it is* this day; ¹⁹ Pharaoh king of Egypt, and his servants, and his princes, and all his people; ²⁰ and all the mingled people, and all the kings of the land of Uz, and all the kings of the land of the Philistines, and Ashkelon, and Azzah, and Ekron, and the remnant of Ashdod, ²¹ Edom, and Moab, and the children of Ammon, ²² and all the kings of Tyrus, and all the kings of Zidon, and the king of the *isles Or, region by the sea side. which *are* beyond the sea, ²³ Dedan, and Tema, and Buz, and all **that are* in the utmost corners, ²⁴ and all the kings of Arabia, and all the kings of the mingled people that dwell in the desert, ²⁵ and all the kings of Zimri, and all the kings of Elam, and all the kings of the Medes, ²⁶ and all the kings of the north, far and near, one with another, and all the kingdoms of the world, which *are* upon the face of the earth: and the king of Sheshach shall drink after them.

²⁷ Therefore thou shalt say unto them, Thus saith the LORD of hosts, the God of Israel; Drink ye, and be drunken, and spue, and fall, and rise no more, because of the sword which I will send among you.

²⁸ And it shall be, if they refuse to take the cup at thine hand to drink, then shalt thou say unto them, Thus saith the LORD of hosts; Ye shall certainly drink. ²⁹ For, lo, I begin to bring evil on the city

*which is called by my name, and should Heb. upon which my name is called. ye be utterly unpunished? Ye shall not be unpun-

ished: for I will call for a sword upon all the inhabitants of the earth, saith the LORD of hosts.

³⁰ Therefore prophesy thou against them all these words, and say unto them,

The LORD shall roar from on high, and utter his voice from his holy habitation; he shall mightily roar upon his habitation; he shall give a shout, as they that tread *the grapes*, against all the inhabitants of the earth. ³¹ A noise shall come *even* to the ends of the earth; for the LORD hath a controversy with the nations, he will plead with all flesh; he will give them *that are* wicked to the sword, saith the LORD.

³² Thus saith the LORD of hosts, Behold, evil shall go forth from nation to nation, and a great whirlwind shall be raised up from the coasts of the earth.

³³ And the slain of the LORD shall be at that day from *one* end of the earth even unto the *other* end of the earth: they shall not be lamented, neither gathered, nor buried; they shall be dung upon the ground.

³⁴ Howl, ye shepherds, and cry; and wallow yourselves *in the ashes*, ye principal of the flock: for *the days of your slaughter and of your ^{Heb. your days for slaughter.} dispersions are accomplished; and ye shall fall like

* a pleasant vessel. ³⁵ And *the shep- ^{Heb. a vessel of desire.} herds shall have no way to flee, nor ^{Heb. flight shall perish from the shepherds, and escaping from, &c.} the principal of the flock to escape. ³⁶ A voice of

the cry of the shepherds, and an howling of the principal of the flock, *shall be heard*: for the LORD hath spoiled their pasture. ³⁷ And the peaceable habitations are cut down because of the fierce anger of the LORD. ³⁸ He hath forsaken his covert, as the lion: for their land is *desolate ^{Heb. a desolation.}

because of the fierceness of the oppressor, and because of his fierce anger.

XXVI. IN the beginning of the reign of Jehoiakim the son of Josiah king of Judah came this word from the LORD, saying, ²Thus saith the LORD; Stand in the court of the LORD's house, and speak unto all the cities of Judah, which come to worship in the LORD's house, all the words that I command thee to speak unto them; diminish not a word: ³if so be they will hearken, and turn every man from his evil way, that I may repent me of the evil, which I purpose to do unto them because of the evil of their doings. ⁴And thou shalt say unto them, Thus saith the LORD; If ye will not hearken to me, to walk in my law, which I have set before you, ⁵to hearken to the words of my servants the prophets, whom I sent unto you, both rising up early, and sending *them*, but ye have not hearkened; ⁶then will I make this house like Shiloh, and will make this city a curse to all the nations of the earth.

⁷So the priests and the prophets and all the people heard Jeremiah speaking these words in the house of the LORD. ⁸Now it came to pass, when Jeremiah had made an end of speaking all that the LORD had commanded *him* to speak unto all the people, that the priests and the prophets and all the people took him, saying, Thou shalt surely die. ⁹Why hast thou prophesied in the name of the LORD, saying, This house shall be like Shiloh, and this city shall be desolate without an inhabitant? And all the people were gathered against Jeremiah in the house of the LORD.

¹⁰When the princes of Judah heard these things, then they came up from the king's house unto the house of the LORD, and sat down ^{*}in the entry ^{Or, at the door.} of the new gate of the LORD's house. ¹¹Then spake

the priests and the prophets unto the princes and to all the people, saying, *This man *is* Heb. The judgment of death is for this man. worthy to die; for he hath prophesied against this city, as ye have heard with your ears. ¹²Then spake Jeremiah unto all the princes and to all the people, saying, The LORD sent me to prophesy against this house and against this city all the words that ye have heard. ¹³Therefore now amend your ways and your doings, and obey the voice of the LORD your God; and the LORD will repent him of the evil that he hath pronounced against you. ¹⁴As for me, behold, I *am* in your hand: do with me *as seemeth good Heb. as it is good and right in your eyes. and meet unto you. ¹⁵But know ye for certain, that if ye put me to death, ye shall surely bring innocent blood upon yourselves, and upon this city, and upon the inhabitants thereof: for of a truth the LORD hath sent me unto you to speak all these words in your ears.

¹⁶Then said the princes and all the people unto the priests and to the prophets; This man *is* not worthy to die: for he hath spoken to us in the name of the LORD our God. ¹⁷Then rose up certain of the elders of the land, and spake to all the assembly of the people, saying, ¹⁸Micah the Morasthite prophesied in the days of Hezekiah king of Judah, and spake to all the people of Judah, saying, Thus saith the LORD of hosts; Zion shall be plowed *like* a field, and Jerusalem shall become heaps, and the mountain of the house as the high places of a forest. ¹⁹Did Hezekiah king of Judah and all Judah put him at all to death? did he not fear the LORD, and besought *the LORD, and Heb. the face of the LORD. the LORD repented him of the evil which he had pronounced against them? Thus might we procure great evil against our souls.

²⁰And there was also a man that prophesied in the name of the LORD, Urijah the son of Shemaiah of

Kirjath-jearim, who prophesied against this city and against this land according to all the words of Jeremiah: ²¹and when Jehoiakim the king, with all his mighty men, and all the princes, heard his words, the king sought to put him to death: but when Urijah heard it, he was afraid, and fled, and went into Egypt; ²²and Jehoiakim the king sent men into Egypt, *namely*, Elnathan the son of Achbor, and *certain* men with him into Egypt. ²³And they fetched forth Urijah out of Egypt, and brought him unto Jehoiakim the king; who slew him with the sword, and cast his dead body into the graves of the *common people. *Heb. sons of the people.* ²⁴Nevertheless the hand of Ahikam the son of Shaphan was with Jeremiah, that they should not give him into the hand of the people to put him to death.

XXVII. IN the beginning of the reign of Jehoiakim the son of Josiah king of Judah came this word unto Jeremiah from the LORD, saying, ²Thus *saith the LORD to me; Make thee bonds and yokes, ^{Or, hath the LORD said.} and put them upon thy neck, ³and send them to the king of Edom, and to the king of Moab, and to the king of the Ammonites, and to the king of Tyrus, and to the king of Zidon, by the hand of the messengers which come to Jerusalem unto Zedekiah king of Judah; ⁴and command them *to say unto their masters, ^{Or, concerning their masters, saying.} Thus saith the LORD of hosts, the God of Israel;

Thus shall ye say unto your masters; ⁵I have made the earth, the man and the beast that *are* upon the ground, by my great power and by my outstretched arm, and have given it unto whom it seemed meet unto me. ⁶And now have I given all these lands into the hand of Nebuchadnezzar the king of Babylon, my servant; and the beasts of the field have I given him also to serve him. ⁷And all nations shall serve him, and his son, and his son's son, until the very time of

his land come : and then many nations and great kings shall serve themselves of him. ⁸ And it shall come to pass, *that* the nation and kingdom which will not serve the same Nebuchadnezzar the king of Babylon, and that will not put their neck under the yoke of the king of Babylon, that nation will I punish, saith the LORD, with the sword, and with the famine, and with the pestilence, until I have consumed them by his hand.

⁹ Therefore hearken not ye to your prophets, nor to your diviners, nor to your *dreamers, nor to *Heb. dreams.* your enchanters, nor to your sorcerers, which speak unto you, saying, Ye shall not serve the king of Babylon : ¹⁰ for they prophesy a lie unto you, to remove you far from your land ; and that I should drive you out, and ye should perish. ¹¹ But the nations that bring their neck under the yoke of the king of Babylon, and serve him, those will I let remain still in their own land, saith the LORD ; and they shall till it, and dwell therein.

¹² I spake also to Zedekiah king of Judah according to all these words, saying, Bring your necks under the yoke of the king of Babylon, and serve him and his people, and live. ¹³ Why will ye die, thou and thy people, by the sword, by the famine, and by the pestilence, as the LORD hath spoken against the nation that will not serve the king of Babylon ? ¹⁴ Therefore hearken not unto the words of the prophets that speak unto you, saying, Ye shall not serve the king of Babylon : for they prophesy a lie unto you. ¹⁵ For I have not sent them, saith the LORD, yet they prophesy *a lie in my name ; that I might drive you *Heb. in a lie, or, lyingly.* out, and that ye might perish, ye, and the prophets that prophesy unto you.

¹⁶ Also I spake to the priests and to all this people, saying, Thus saith the LORD ; Hearken not to the

words of your prophets, that prophesy unto you, saying, Behold, the vessels of the LORD's house shall now shortly be brought again from Babylon: for they prophesy a lie unto you. ¹⁷Hearken not unto them; serve the king of Babylon, and live: wherefore should this city be laid waste? ¹⁸But if they *be* prophets, and if the word of the LORD be with them, let them now make intercession to the LORD of hosts, that the vessels which are left in the house of the LORD, and *in* the house of the king of Judah, and at Jerusalem, go not to Babylon.

¹⁹For thus saith the LORD of hosts concerning the pillars, and concerning the sea, and concerning the bases, and concerning the residue of the vessels that remain in this city, ²⁰which Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon took not, when he carried away captive Jeconiah the son of Jehoiakim king of Judah from Jerusalem to Babylon, and all the nobles of Judah and Jerusalem; ²¹yea, thus saith the LORD of hosts, the God of Israel, concerning the vessels that remain *in* the house of the LORD, and *in* the house of the king of Judah and of Jerusalem; ²²They shall be carried to Babylon, and there shall they be until the day that I visit them, saith the LORD; then will I bring them up, and restore them to this place.

XXVIII. And it came to pass the same year, in the beginning of the reign of Zedekiah king of Judah, in the fourth year, *and* in the fifth month, *that* Haniah the son of Azur the prophet, which *was* of Gibeon, spake unto me in the house of the LORD, in the presence of the priests and of all the people, saying, ²Thus speaketh the LORD of hosts, the God of Israel, saying, I have broken the yoke of the king of Babylon. ³Within *two full years will ^{Heb. two years of days.} I bring again into this place all the vessels of the

LORD's house, that Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon took away from this place, and carried them to Babylon: ⁴and I will bring again to this place Jeconiah the son of Jehoiakim king of Judah, with all the *captives of Judah, that went into Babylon, ^{Heb. captivity.} saith the LORD: for I will break the yoke of the king of Babylon.

⁵Then the prophet Jeremiah said unto the prophet Hananiah in the presence of the priests, and in the presence of all the people that stood in the house of the LORD, ⁶even the prophet Jeremiah said, Amen: the LORD do so: the LORD perform thy words which thou hast prophesied, to bring again the vessels of the LORD's house, and all that is carried away captive, from Babylon into this place. ⁷Nevertheless hear thou now this word that I speak in thine ears, and in the ears of all the people; ⁸The prophets that have been before me and before thee of old prophesied both against many countries, and against great kingdoms, of war, and of evil, and of pestilence. ⁹The prophet which prophesieth of peace, when the word of the prophet shall come to pass, *then* shall the prophet be known, that the LORD hath truly sent him.

¹⁰Then Hananiah the prophet took the yoke from off the prophet Jeremiah's neck, and brake it. ¹¹And Hananiah spake in the presence of all the people, saying, Thus saith the LORD; Even so will I break the yoke of Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon from the neck of all nations within the space of two full years. And the prophet Jeremiah went his way.

¹²Then the word of the LORD came unto Jeremiah *the prophet*, after that Hananiah the prophet had broken the yoke from off the neck of the prophet Jeremiah, saying, ¹³Go and tell Hananiah, saying, Thus saith the LORD; Thou hast broken the yokes

of wood; but thou shalt make for them yokes of iron.
¹⁴ For thus saith the LORD of hosts, the God of Israel; I have put a yoke of iron upon the neck of all these nations, that they may serve Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon; and they shall serve him: and I have given him the beasts of the field also.

¹⁵ Then said the prophet Jeremiah unto Hananiah the prophet, Hear now, Hananiah; The LORD hath not sent thee; but thou makest this people to trust in a lie. ¹⁶ Therefore thus saith the LORD; Behold, I will cast thee from off the face of the earth: this year thou shalt die, because thou hast taught *re- Heb. revolt. bellion against the LORD. ¹⁷ So Hananiah the prophet died the same year in the seventh month.

XXIX. Now these *are* the words of the letter that Jeremiah the prophet sent from Jerusalem unto the residue of the elders which were carried away captives, and to the priests, and to the prophets, and to all the people whom Nebuchadnezzar had carried away captive from Jerusalem to Babylon; ² (after that Jeconiah the king, and the queen, and the *eunuchs, Or, chamberlains. the princes of Judah and Jerusalem, and the carpenters, and the smiths, were departed from Jerusalem;) ³ by the hand of Elasah the son of Shaphan, and Gemariah the son of Hilkiah, (whom Zedekiah king of Judah sent unto Babylon to Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon,) saying,

⁴ Thus saith the LORD of hosts, the God of Israel, unto all that are carried away captives, whom I have caused to be carried away from Jerusalem unto Babylon;

⁵ Build ye houses, and dwell *in them*; and plant gardens, and eat the fruit of them; ⁶ take ye wives, and beget sons and daughters; and take wives for your sons, and give your daughters to husbands,

that they may bear sons and daughters; that ye may be increased there, and not diminished. ⁷And seek the peace of the city whither I have caused you to be carried away captives, and pray unto the LORD for it; for in the peace thereof shall ye have peace.

⁸For thus saith the LORD of hosts, the God of Israel; Let not your prophets and your diviners, that *be* in the midst of you, deceive you, neither hearken to your dreams which ye cause to be dreamed.

⁹For they prophesy *falsely unto you in Heb. in a lie. my name: I have not sent them, saith the LORD.

¹⁰For thus saith the LORD, That after seventy years be accomplished at Babylon I will visit you, and perform my good word toward you, in causing you to return to this place. ¹¹For I know the thoughts that I think toward you, saith the LORD, thoughts of peace, and not of evil, to give you an *expected end. Heb. end and expectation.

¹²Then shall ye call upon me, and ye shall go and pray unto me, and I will hearken unto you. ¹³And ye shall seek me, and find *me*, when ye shall search for me with all your heart. ¹⁴And I will be found of you, saith the LORD: and I will turn away your captivity, and I will gather you from all the nations, and from all the places whither I have driven you, saith the LORD; and I will bring you again into the place whence I caused you to be carried away captive.

¹⁵Because ye have said, The LORD hath raised us up prophets in Babylon; ¹⁶*know* that thus saith the LORD of the king that sitteth upon the throne of David, and of all the people that dwelleth in this city, *and* of your brethren that are not gone forth with you into captivity; ¹⁷thus saith the LORD of

hosts; Behold, I will send upon them the sword, the famine, and the pestilence, and will make them like vile figs, that cannot be eaten, they are so evil.

¹⁸ And I will persecute them with the sword, with the famine, and with the pestilence, and will deliver them to be removed to all the kingdoms of the earth, *to be a curse, and an astonishment, ^{Heb. for a curse.} and an hissing, and a reproach, among all the nations whither I have driven them: ¹⁹ because they have not hearkened to my words, saith the LORD, which I sent unto them by my servants the prophets, rising up early and sending *them*; but ye would not hear, saith the LORD.

²⁰ Hear ye therefore the word of the LORD, all ye of the captivity, whom I have sent from Jerusalem to Babylon:

²¹ Thus saith the LORD of hosts, the God of Israel, of Ahab the son of Kolaiah, and of Zedekiah the son of Maaseiah, which prophesy a lie unto you in my name; Behold, I will deliver them into the hand of Nebuchadrezzar king of Babylon; and he shall slay them before your eyes; ²² and of them shall be taken up a curse by all the captivity of Judah which *are* in Babylon, saying, The LORD make thee like Zedekiah and like Ahab, whom the king of Babylon roasted in the fire; ²³ because they have committed villany in Israel, and have committed adultery with their neighbours' wives, and have spoken lying words in my name, which I have not commanded them; even I know, and *am* a witness, saith the LORD.

²⁴ *Thus* shalt thou also speak to Shemaiah the *Nehelamite, saying, ²⁵ Thus speaketh the LORD ^{Or, dreamer.} of hosts, the God of Israel, saying, Because thou hast sent letters in thy name unto all the people that *are*

at Jerusalem, and to Zephaniah the son of Maaseiah the priest, and to all the priests, saying, ²⁶ The LORD hath made thee priest in the stead of Jehoiada the priest, that ye should be officers in the house of the LORD, for every man *that is* mad, and maketh himself a prophet, that thou shouldest put him in prison, and in the stocks. ²⁷ Now therefore why hast thou not reprov'd Jeremiah of Anathoth, which maketh himself a prophet to you? ²⁸ For therefore he sent unto us *in* Babylon, saying, *This captivity is long*: build ye houses, and dwell *in them*; and plant gardens, and eat the fruit of them. ²⁹ And Zephaniah the priest read this letter in the ears of Jeremiah the prophet.

³⁰ Then came the word of the LORD unto Jeremiah, saying, ³¹ Send to all them of the captivity, saying, Thus saith the LORD concerning Shemaiah the Nehelamite; Because that Shemaiah hath prophesied unto you, and I sent him not, and he caused you to trust in a lie: ³² therefore thus saith the LORD; Behold, I will punish Shemaiah the Nehelamite, and his seed: he shall not have a man to dwell among this people; neither shall he behold the good that I will do for my people, saith the LORD; because he hath taught *rebellion against the LORD.

Heb. *revolt.*

XXX. THE word that came to Jeremiah from the LORD, saying,

² Thus speaketh the LORD God of Israel, saying,

Write thee all the words that I have spoken unto thee in a book. ³ For, lo, the days come, saith the LORD, that I will bring again the captivity of my people Israel and Judah, saith the LORD: and I will cause them to return to the land that I gave to their fathers, and they shall possess it.

⁴ And these *are* the words that the LORD spake

concerning Israel and concerning Judah. ⁵ For thus saith the LORD;

We have heard a voice of trembling, * of ^{Or, there is fear, and not peace.} fear, and not of peace. ⁶ Ask ye now, and see whether * a man doth travail with child? ^{Heb. a male.} wherefore do I see every man with his hands on his loins, as a woman in travail, and all faces are turned into paleness?

⁷ Alas! for that day *is* great, so that none *is* like it: it *is* even the time of Jacob's trouble; but he shall be saved out of it. ⁸ For it shall come to pass in that day, saith the LORD of hosts, *that* I will break his yoke from off thy neck, and will burst thy bonds, and strangers shall no more serve themselves of him: ⁹ but they shall serve the LORD their God, and David their king, whom I will raise up unto them.

¹⁰ Therefore fear thou not, O my servant Jacob, saith the LORD; neither be dismayed, O Israel: for, lo, I will save thee from afar, and thy seed from the land of their captivity; and Jacob shall return, and shall be in rest, and be quiet, and none shall make *him* afraid. ¹¹ For I *am* with thee, saith the LORD, to save thee: though I make a full end of all nations whither I have scattered thee, yet will I not make a full end of thee: but I will correct thee in measure, and will not leave thee altogether unpunished.

¹² For thus saith the LORD, Thy bruise *is* incurable, *and* thy wound *is* grievous. ¹³ *There is* none to plead thy cause, * that thou mayest be ^{Heb. for binding up, or, pressing.} bound up: thou hast no healing medicines. ¹⁴ All thy lovers have forgotten thee; they seek thee not; for I have wounded thee with the wound of an enemy, with the chastisement of a cruel

one, for the multitude of thine iniquity; *because* thy sins were increased.

¹⁵ Why criest thou for thine affliction? thy sorrow is incurable for the multitude of thine iniquity: *because* thy sins were increased, I have done these things unto thee. ¹⁶ Therefore all they that devour thee shall be devoured; and all thine adversaries, every one of them, shall go into captivity; and they that spoil thee shall be a spoil, and all that prey upon thee will I give for a prey. ¹⁷ For I will restore health unto thee, and I will heal thee of thy wounds, saith the LORD; because they called thee an Outcast, *saying*, This is Zion, whom no man seeketh after.

¹⁸ Thus saith the LORD; Behold, I will bring again the captivity of Jacob's tents, and have mercy on his dwellingplaces; and the city shall be builded upon her own *heap, and the palace shall ^{Or, little hill.} remain after the manner thereof. ¹⁹ And out of them shall proceed thanksgiving, and the voice of them that make merry: and I will multiply them, and they shall not be few; I will also glorify them, and they shall not be small.

²⁰ Their children also shall be as aforetime, and their congregation shall be established before me, and I will punish all that oppress them. ²¹ And their nobles shall be of themselves, and their governor shall proceed from the midst of them; and I will cause him to draw near, and he shall approach unto me: for who is this that engaged his heart to approach unto me? saith the LORD. ²² And ye shall be my people, and I will be your God.

²³ Behold, the whirlwind of the LORD goeth forth with fury, a *continuing whirlwind: it shall ^{Heb. cutting.} fall with pain upon the head of the ^{Or, remain.}

wicked. ²⁴ The fierce anger of the LORD shall not return, until he have done *it*, and until he have performed the intents of his heart: in the latter days ye shall consider it.

XXXI. At the same time, saith the LORD, will I be the God of all the families of Israel, and they shall be my people. ² Thus saith the LORD, The people *which were* left of the sword found grace in the wilderness; *even* Israel, when I went to cause him to rest.

³ The LORD hath appeared ^{*}of old unto me, ^{Heb. from afar.} *saying*, Yea, I have loved thee with an everlasting love: therefore ^{*}with lovingkindness ^{Or, have I extended lovingkindness unto thee.} have I drawn thee. ⁴ Again I will build thee, and thou shalt be built, O virgin of Israel: thou shalt again be adorned with thy ^{*}tabrets, ^{Or, timbrels.} and shalt go forth in the dances of them that make merry. ⁵ Thou shalt yet plant vines upon the mountains of Samaria: the planters shall plant and shall ^{*}eat *them* as common things. ^{Heb. profane them.}

⁶ For there shall be a day, *that* the watchmen upon the mount Ephraim shall cry, Arise ye, and let us go up to Zion unto the LORD our God.

⁷ For thus saith the LORD; Sing with gladness for Jacob, and shout among the chief of the nations: publish ye, praise ye, and say, O LORD, save thy people, the remnant of Israel. ⁸ Behold, I will bring them from the north country, and gather them from the coasts of the earth, *and* with them the blind and the lame, the woman with child and her that travaileth with child together: a great company shall return thither. ⁹ They shall come with weeping, and with ^{*}supplications will I ^{Or, favours.} lead them: I will cause them to walk by the rivers of waters in a straight way, wherein they shall not

stumble: for I am a father to Israel, and Ephraim is my firstborn.

¹⁰ Hear the word of the LORD, O ye nations, and declare *it* in the isles afar off, and say, He that scattered Israel will gather him, and keep him, as a shepherd *doth* his flock. ¹¹ For the LORD hath redeemed Jacob, and ransomed him from the hand of *him that was* stronger than he. ¹² Therefore they shall come and sing in the height of Zion, and shall flow together to the goodness of the LORD, for wheat, and for wine, and for oil, and for the young of the flock and of the herd: and their soul shall be as a watered garden; and they shall not sorrow any more at all. ¹³ Then shall the virgin rejoice in the dance, both young men and old together: for I will turn their mourning into joy, and will comfort them, and make them rejoice from their sorrow. ¹⁴ And I will satiate the soul of the priests with fatness, and my people shall be satisfied with my goodness, saith the LORD.

¹⁵ Thus saith the LORD; A voice was heard in Ramah, lamentation, *and* bitter weeping; Rahel weeping for her children refused to be comforted for her children, because they *were* not. ¹⁶ Thus saith the LORD; Refrain thy voice from weeping, and thine eyes from tears: for thy work shall be rewarded, saith the LORD; and they shall come again from the land of the enemy. ¹⁷ And there is hope in thine end, saith the LORD, that thy children shall come again to their own border.

¹⁸ I have surely heard Ephraim bemoaning himself *thus*; Thou hast chastised me, and I was chastised, as a bullock unaccustomed *to the yoke*: turn thou me, and I shall be turned; for thou *art* the LORD my God. ¹⁹ Surely after that I was turned,

I repented; and after that I was instructed, I smote upon *my* thigh: I was ashamed, yea, even confounded, because I did bear the reproach of my youth.

²⁰ *Is* Ephraim my dear son? *is he* a pleasant child? for since I spake against him, I do earnestly remember him still: therefore my bowels * are Heb. sound. troubled for him; I will surely have mercy upon him, saith the LORD.

²¹ Set thee up waymarks, make thee high heaps: set thine heart toward the highway, *even* the way *which* thou wentest: turn again, O virgin of Israel, turn again to these thy cities. ²² How long wilt thou go about, O thou backsliding daughter? for the LORD hath created a new thing in the earth, A woman shall compass a man.

²³ Thus saith the LORD of hosts, the God of Israel; As yet they shall use this speech in the land of Judah and in the cities thereof, when I shall bring again their captivity; The LORD bless thee, O habitation of justice, *and* mountain of holiness. ²⁴ And there shall dwell in Judah itself, and in all the cities thereof together, husbandmen, and they *that* go forth with flocks. ²⁵ For I have satiated the weary soul, and I have replenished every sorrowful soul.

²⁶ Upon this I awaked, and beheld; and my sleep was sweet unto me.

²⁷ Behold, the days come, saith the LORD, that I will sow the house of Israel and the house of Judah with the seed of man and with the seed of beast.

²⁸ And it shall come to pass, *that* like as I have watched over them, to pluck up and to break down, and to throw down, and to destroy, and to afflict; so will I watch over them, to build, and to plant, saith the LORD. ²⁹ In those days they shall

say no more, The fathers have eaten a sour grape, and the children's teeth are set on edge. ³⁰ But every one shall die for his own iniquity: every man that eateth the sour grape, his teeth shall be set on edge.

³¹ Behold, the days come, saith the LORD, that I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel, and with the house of Judah: ³² not according to the covenant that I made with their fathers in the day *that* I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt; which my covenant they brake, *although I was an husband ^{Or, *should I have continued an husband unto them?*} unto them, saith the LORD: ³³ but this *shall be* the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel; After those days, saith the LORD, I will put my law in their inward parts, and write it in their hearts; and will be their God, and they shall be my people. ³⁴ And they shall teach no more every man his neighbour, and every man his brother, saying, Know the LORD: for they shall all know me, from the least of them unto the greatest of them, saith the LORD: for I will forgive their iniquity, and I will remember their sin no more.

³⁵ Thus saith the LORD, which giveth the sun for a light by day, *and* the ordinances of the moon and of the stars for a light by night, which divideth the sea when the waves thereof roar; The LORD of hosts *is* his name: ³⁶ If those ordinances depart from before me, saith the LORD, *then* the seed of Israel also shall cease from being a nation before me for ever. ³⁷ Thus saith the LORD; If heaven above can be measured, and the foundations of the earth searched out beneath, I will also cast off all the seed of Israel for all that they have done, saith the LORD.

³⁸ Behold, the days come, saith the LORD, that the city shall be built to the LORD from the tower of Hananeel unto the gate of the corner. ³⁹ And the measuring line shall yet go forth over against it upon the hill Gareb, and shall compass about to Goath. ⁴⁰ And the whole valley of the dead bodies, and of the ashes, and all the fields unto the brook of Kidron, unto the corner of the horse gate toward the east, *shall be* holy unto the LORD; it shall not be plucked up, nor thrown down any more for ever.

XXXII. THE word that came to Jeremiah from the LORD in the tenth year of Zedekiah king of Judah, which *was* the eighteenth year of Nebuchadrezzar.

² For then the king of Babylon's army besieged Jerusalem: and Jeremiah the prophet was shut up in the court of the prison, which *was* in the king of Judah's house. ³ For Zedekiah king of Judah had shut him up, saying, Wherefore dost thou prophesy, and say, Thus saith the LORD, Behold, I will give this city into the hand of the king of Babylon, and he shall take it; ⁴ and Zedekiah king of Judah shall not escape out of the hand of the Chaldeans, but shall surely be delivered into the hand of the king of Babylon, and shall speak with him mouth to mouth, and his eyes shall behold his eyes; ⁵ and he shall lead Zedekiah to Babylon, and there shall he be until I visit him, saith the LORD: though ye fight with the Chaldeans, ye shall not prosper.

⁶ And Jeremiah said, The word of the LORD came unto me, saying, ⁷ Behold, Hanameel the son of Shalum thine uncle shall come unto thee, saying, Buy thee my field that *is* in Anathoth: for the right of redemption *is* thine to buy *it*. ⁸ So Hanameel mine uncle's son came to me in the court of the prison

according to the word of the LORD, and said unto me, Buy my field, I pray thee, that *is* in Anathoth, which *is* in the country of Benjamin: for the right of inheritance *is* thine, and the redemption *is* thine; buy *it* for thyself. Then I knew that this *was* the word of the LORD.

⁹ And I bought the field of Hanameel, my uncle's son, that *was* in Anathoth, and weighed him the money, *even* *seventeen shekels of silver. Or, seven shekels and ten pieces of silver.

¹⁰ And I *subscribed the evidence, and sealed Heb. wrote in the book. *it*, and took witnesses, and weighed *him* the money in the balances.

¹¹ So I took the evidence of the purchase, *both* that which was sealed *according* to the law and custom, and that which was open: ¹² and I gave the evidence of the purchase unto Baruch the son of Neriah, the son of Maaseiah, in the sight of Hanameel mine uncle's *son*, and in the presence of the witnesses that subscribed the book of the purchase, before all the Jews that sat in the court of the prison. ¹³ And I charged Baruch before them, saying, ¹⁴ Thus saith the LORD of hosts, the God of Israel; Take these evidences, this evidence of the purchase, both which is sealed, and this evidence which is open; and put them in an earthen vessel, that they may continue many days.

¹⁵ For thus saith the LORD of hosts, the God of Israel; Houses and fields and vineyards shall be possessed again in this land.

¹⁶ Now when I had delivered the evidence of the purchase unto Baruch the son of Neriah, I prayed unto the LORD, saying, ¹⁷ Ah Lord God! behold, thou hast made the heaven and the earth by thy great power and stretched out arm, *and* there is nothing *too hard for thee: ¹⁸ thou shewest loving- Or, hid from thee. kindness unto thousands, and recompensest the iniquity of the fathers into the bosom of their children

after them: the Great, the Mighty God, the LORD of hosts, *is* his name, ¹⁹great in counsel and mighty in *work: for thine eyes *are* open upon all the Heb. doing. ways of the sons of men: to give every one according to his ways, and according to the fruit of his doings: ²⁰which hast set signs and wonders in the land of Egypt, *even* unto this day, and in Israel, and among *other* men; and hast made thee a name, as at this day; ²¹and hast brought forth thy people Israel out of the land of Egypt with signs, and with wonders, and with a strong hand, and with a stretched out arm, and with great terror; ²²and hast given them this land which thou didst swear to their fathers to give them, a land flowing with milk and honey; ²³and they came in and possessed it; but they obeyed not thy voice, neither walked in thy law; they have done nothing of all that thou commandedst them to do: therefore thou hast caused all this evil to come upon them. ²⁴Behold the *mounts, they are come unto the city to take Or, engines of shot. it; and the city is given into the hand of the Chaldeans, that fight against it, because of the sword, and of the famine, and of the pestilence: and what thou hast spoken is come to pass; and, behold, thou seest *it*. ²⁵And thou hast said unto me, O Lord God, Buy thee the field for money, and take witnesses; *for Or, though. the city is given into the hand of the Chaldeans.

²⁶Then came the word of the LORD unto Jeremiah, saying, ²⁷Behold, I *am* the LORD, the God of all flesh: is there any thing too hard for me? ²⁸Therefore thus saith the LORD: Behold, I will give this city into the hand of the Chaldeans, and into the hand of Nebuchadrezzar king of Babylon, and he shall take it: ²⁹and the Chaldeans, that fight against this city, shall come and set fire on this city, and burn it, with the houses upon whose roofs they have offered incense unto Baal, and

poured out drink offerings unto other gods, to provoke me to anger. ³⁰For the children of Israel and the children of Judah have only done evil before me from their youth: for the children of Israel have only provoked me to anger with the work of their hands, saith the LORD. ³¹For this city hath been to me *as* * a ^{Heb. for my anger.} provocation of mine anger and of my fury from the day that they built it even unto this day; that I should remove it from before my face, ³²because of all the evil of the children of Israel and of the children of Judah, which they have done to provoke me to anger, they, their kings, their princes, their priests, and their prophets, and the men of Judah, and the inhabitants of Jerusalem. ³³And they have turned unto me the *back, and not the face: though I taught them, ^{Heb. neck.} rising up early and teaching *them*, yet they have not hearkened to receive instruction. ³⁴But they set their abominations in the house, which is called by my name, to defile it. ³⁵And they built the high places of Baal, which *are* in the valley of the son of Hinnom, to cause their sons and their daughters to pass through *the fire* unto Molech; which I commanded them not, neither came it into my mind, that they should do this abomination, to cause Judah to sin.

³⁶And now therefore thus saith the LORD, the God of Israel, concerning this city, whereof ye say, It shall be delivered into the hand of the king of Babylon by the sword, and by the famine, and by the pestilence; ³⁷Behold, I will gather them out of all countries, whither I have driven them in mine anger, and in my fury, and in great wrath; and I will bring them again unto this place, and I will cause them to dwell safely: ³⁸and they shall be my people, and I will be their God; ³⁹and I will give them one heart, and one way, that they may fear me *for ever, for the good of ^{Heb. all days.}

them, and of their children after them: ⁴⁰and I will make an everlasting covenant with them, that I will not turn away ^{*}from them, to do them good; ^{Heb. from after them.} but I will put my fear in their hearts, that they shall not depart from me. ⁴¹Yea, I will rejoice over them to do them good, and I will plant them in this land ^{*}assuredly with my whole heart and with my ^{Heb. in truth, or, stability.} whole soul.

⁴²For thus saith the LORD; Like as I have brought all this great evil upon this people, so will I bring upon them all the good that I have promised them.

⁴³And fields shall be bought in this land, whereof ye say, *It is desolate without man or beast; it is given into the hand of the Chaldeans.* ⁴⁴Men shall buy fields for money, and subscribe evidences, and seal *them*, and take witnesses in the land of Benjamin, and in the places about Jerusalem, and in the cities of Judah, and in the cities of the mountains, and in the cities of the valley, and in the cities of the south: for I will cause their captivity to return, saith the LORD.

XXXIII. MOREOVER the word of the LORD came unto Jeremiah the second time, while he was yet shut up in the court of the prison, saying,

²Thus saith the LORD the maker thereof, the LORD that formed it, to establish it; ^{*}the LORD ^{Or, JEHOVAH.} is his name; ³Call unto me, and I will answer thee, and shew thee great and ^{*}mighty things, ^{Or, hidden.} which thou knowest not. ⁴For thus saith the LORD, the God of Israel, concerning the houses of this city, and concerning the houses of the kings of Judah, which are thrown down by the mounts, and by the sword; ⁵They come to fight with the Chaldeans, but *it is* to fill them with the dead bodies of men, whom I have slain in mine anger

and in my fury, and for all whose wickedness I have hid my face from this city.

⁶Behold, I will bring it health and cure, and I will cure them, and will reveal unto them the abundance of peace and truth. ⁷And I will cause the captivity of Judah and the captivity of Israel to return, and will build them, as at the first. ⁸And I will cleanse them from all their iniquity, whereby they have sinned against me; and I will pardon all their iniquities, whereby they have sinned, and whereby they have transgressed against me. ⁹And it shall be to me a name of joy, a praise and an honour before all the nations of the earth, which shall hear all the good that I do unto them: and they shall fear and tremble for all the goodness and for all the prosperity that I procure unto it.

¹⁰Thus saith the LORD; Again there shall be heard in this place, which ye say *shall be* desolate without man and without beast, *even* in the cities of Judah, and in the streets of Jerusalem, that are desolate, without man, and without inhabitant, and without beast, "the voice of joy, and the voice of gladness, the voice of the bridegroom, and the voice of the bride, the voice of them that shall say, Praise the LORD of hosts: for the LORD *is* good; for his mercy *endureth* for ever; *and* of them that shall bring the sacrifice of praise into the house of the LORD. For I will cause to return the captivity of the land, as at the first, saith the LORD.

¹²Thus saith the LORD of hosts; Again in this place, which is desolate without man and without beast, and in all the cities thereof, shall be an habitation of shepherds causing *their* flocks to lie down. ¹³In the cities of the mountains, in the cities of the vale, and in the cities of the south, and in the land

of Benjamin, and in the places about Jerusalem, and in the cities of Judah, shall the flocks pass again under the hands of him that telleth *them*, saith the LORD.

¹⁴ Behold, the days come, saith the LORD, that I will perform that good thing which I have promised unto the house of Israel and to the house of Judah.

¹⁵ In those days, and at that time, will I cause the Branch of righteousness to grow up unto David; and he shall execute judgment and righteousness in the land. ¹⁶ In those days shall Judah be saved,

and Jerusalem shall dwell safely: and this *is the name* wherewith she shall be called, * The ^{Heb. Jehovah-tsidkenu.} LORD our righteousness. ¹⁷ For thus saith the

LORD; * David shall never want a ^{Heb. There shall not be cut off from David.} man to sit upon the throne of the house of Israel;

¹⁸ neither shall the priests the Levites want a man before me to offer burnt offerings, and to kindle meat offerings, and to do sacrifice continually.

¹⁹ And the word of the LORD came unto Jeremiah, saying, ²⁰ Thus saith the LORD; If ye can break my covenant of the day, and my covenant of the night, and that there should not be day and night in their season; ²¹ *then* may also my covenant be broken with David my servant, that he should not have a son to reign upon his throne; and with the Levites the priests, my ministers. ²² As the host of heaven cannot be numbered, neither the sand of the sea measured: so will I multiply the seed of David my servant, and the Levites that minister unto me.

²³ Moreover the word of the LORD came to Jeremiah, saying, ²⁴ Considerest thou not what this people have spoken, saying, The two families which the LORD hath chosen, he hath even cast them off?

thus they have despised my people, that they should be no more a nation before them. ²⁵ Thus saith the LORD; If my covenant *be* not with day and night, *and if* I have not appointed the ordinances of heaven and earth; ²⁶ then will I cast away the seed of Jacob, and David my servant, so that I will not take *any* of his seed *to be* rulers over the seed of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob; for I will cause their captivity to return, and have mercy on them.

XXXIV. THE word which came unto Jeremiah from the LORD, when Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon, and all his army, and all the kingdoms of the earth *of his dominion, and all the people, ^{Heb. the dominion of his hand.} fought against Jerusalem, and against all the cities thereof, saying,

² Thus saith the LORD, the God of Israel; Go and speak to Zedekiah king of Judah, and tell him, Thus saith the LORD; Behold, I will give this city into the hand of the king of Babylon, and he shall burn it with fire: ³ and thou shalt not escape out of his hand, but shalt surely be taken, and delivered into his hand; and thine eyes shall behold the eyes of the king of Babylon, and *he shall speak with thee mouth to ^{Heb. his mouth shall speak to thy mouth.} mouth, and thou shalt go to Babylon.

⁴ Yet hear the word of the LORD, O Zedekiah king of Judah; Thus saith the LORD of thee, Thou shalt not die by the sword: ⁵ *but* thou shalt die in peace: and with the burnings of thy fathers, the former kings which were before thee, so shall they burn *odours* for thee; and they will lament thee, *saying*, Ah lord! for I have pronounced the word, saith the LORD.

⁶ Then Jeremiah the prophet spake all these words unto Zedekiah king of Judah in Jerusalem, ⁷ when

the king of Babylon's army fought against Jerusalem, and against all the cities of Judah that were left, against Lachish, and against Azekah: for these defenced cities remained of the cities of Judah.

⁸ *This is* the word that came unto Jeremiah from the LORD, after that the king Zedekiah had made a covenant with all the people which *were* at Jerusalem, to proclaim liberty unto them; ⁹ that every man should let his manservant, and every man his maidservant, *being* an Hebrew or an Hebrewess, go free; that none should serve himself of them, *to wit*, of a Jew his brother. ¹⁰ Now when all the princes, and all the people, which had entered into the covenant, heard that every one should let his manservant, and every one his maidservant, go free, that none should serve themselves of them any more, then they obeyed, and let *them* go. ¹¹ But afterward they turned, and caused the servants and the handmaids, whom they had let go free, to return, and brought them into subjection for servants and for handmaids.

¹² Therefore the word of the LORD came to Jeremiah from the LORD, saying, ¹³ Thus saith the LORD, the God of Israel; I made a covenant with your fathers in the day that I brought them forth out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of bondmen, saying, ¹⁴ At the end of seven years let ye go every man his brother an Hebrew, which ^{*} hath been sold unto thee; Or, *hath sold himself.* and when he hath served thee six years, thou shalt let him go free from thee: but your fathers hearkened not unto me, neither inclined their ear. ¹⁵ And ye were ^{*} now turned, and had done right in my Heb. *to day.* sight, in proclaiming liberty every man to his neighbour; and ye had made a covenant before me in the house ^{*} which is called by my name: ¹⁶ but Heb. *whereupon my name is called.*

ye turned, and polluted my name, and caused every man his servant, and every man his handmaid, whom he had set at liberty at their pleasure, to return, and brought them into subjection, to be unto you for servants and for handmaids.

¹⁷ Therefore thus saith the LORD: Ye have not hearkened unto me, in proclaiming liberty, every one to his brother, and every man to his neighbour: behold, I proclaim a liberty for you, saith the LORD, to the sword, to the pestilence, and to the famine; and I will make you ^{*} to be removed into all the king-^{Heb. for a removing.} doms of the earth. ¹⁸ And I will give the men that have transgressed my covenant, which have not performed the words of the covenant which they had made before me, when they cut the calf in twain, and passed between the parts thereof, ¹⁹ the princes of Judah, and the princes of Jerusalem, the eunuchs, and the priests, and all the people of the land, which passed between the parts of the calf; ²⁰ I will even give them into the hand of their enemies, and into the hand of them that seek their life: and their dead bodies shall be for meat unto the fowls of the heaven, and to the beasts of the earth. ²¹ And Zedekiah king of Judah and his princes will I give into the hand of their enemies, and into the hand of them that seek their life, and into the hand of the king of Babylon's army, which are gone up from you. ²² Behold, I will command, saith the LORD, and cause them to return to this city; and they shall fight against it, and take it, and burn it with fire: and I will make the cities of Judah a desolation without an inhabitant.

XXXV. THE word which came unto Jeremiah from the LORD in the days of Jehoiakim the son of Josiah king of Judah, saying, ² Go unto the house of the Rechabites, and speak unto them, and bring them into

the house of the LORD, into one of the chambers, and give them wine to drink.

³ Then I took Jaazaniah the son of Jeremiah, the son of Habaziniab, and his brethren, and all his sons, and the whole house of the Rechabites; ⁴ and I brought them into the house of the LORD, into the chamber of the sons of Hanan, the son of Igdaliah, a man of God, which *was* by the chamber of the princes, which *was* above the chamber of Maaseiah the son of Shallum, the keeper of the * door; ⁵ and I set before the <sup>Heb. threshold,
or, vessel.</sup> sons of the house of the Rechabites pots full of wine, and cups, and I said unto them, Drink ye wine.

⁶ But they said, We will drink no wine: for Jonadab the son of Rechab our father commanded us, saying, Ye shall drink no wine, *neither* ye, nor your sons for ever: ⁷ neither shall ye build house, nor sow seed, nor plant vineyard, nor have *any*: but all your days ye shall dwell in tents; that ye may live many days in the land where ye *be* strangers. ⁸ Thus have we obeyed the voice of Jonadab the son of Rechab our father in all that he hath charged us, to drink no wine all our days, we, our wives, our sons, nor our daughters; ⁹ nor to build houses for us to dwell in; neither have we vineyard, nor field, nor seed: ¹⁰ but we have dwelt in tents, and have obeyed, and done according to all that Jonadab our father commanded us. ¹¹ But it came to pass, when Nebuchadrezzar king of Babylon came up into the land, that we said, Come, and let us go to Jerusalem for fear of the army of the Chaldeans, and for fear of the army of the Syrians: so we dwell at Jerusalem.

¹² Then came the word of the LORD unto Jeremiah, saying, ¹³ Thus saith the LORD of hosts, the God of Israel; Go and tell the men of Judah and the inhabitants of Jerusalem, Will ye not receive instruction to

hearken to my words? saith the LORD. ¹⁴ The words of Jonadab the son of Rechab, that he commanded his sons not to drink wine, are performed; for unto this day they drink none, but obey their father's commandment: notwithstanding I have spoken unto you, rising early and speaking; but ye hearkened not unto me.

¹⁵ I have sent also unto you all my servants the prophets, rising up early and sending *them*, saying, Return ye now every man from his evil way, and amend your doings, and go not after other gods to serve them, and ye shall dwell in the land which I have given to you and to your fathers: but ye have not inclined your ear, nor hearkened unto me. ¹⁶ Because the sons of Jonadab the son of Rechab have performed the commandment of their father, which he commanded them; but this people hath not hearkened unto me: ¹⁷ therefore thus saith the LORD God of hosts, the God of Israel; Behold, I will bring upon Judah and upon all the inhabitants of Jerusalem all the evil that I have pronounced against them: because I have spoken unto them, but they have not heard; and I have called unto them, but they have not answered.

¹⁸ And Jeremiah said unto the house of the Rechabites, Thus saith the LORD of hosts, the God of Israel; Because ye have obeyed the commandment of Jonadab your father, and kept all his precepts, and done according unto all that he hath commanded you: ¹⁹ therefore thus saith the LORD of hosts, the God of Israel; * Jonadab the son of Rechab shall not want a man to stand before me for ever.

Heb. There shall not a man be cut off from Jonadab the son of Rechab to stand, &c.

XXXVI. AND it came to pass in the fourth year of Jehoiakim the son of Josiah king of Judah, *that* this word came unto Jeremiah from the LORD, saying, ² Take thee a roll of a book, and write therein all the words that I have spoken unto thee against Israel, and

against Judah, and against all the nations, from the day I spake unto thee, from the days of Josiah, even unto this day. ³ It may be that the house of Judah will hear all the evil which I purpose to do unto them; that they may return every man from his evil way, that I may forgive their iniquity and their sin.

⁴ Then Jeremiah called Baruch the son of Neriah: and Baruch wrote from the mouth of Jeremiah all the words of the LORD, which he had spoken unto him, upon a roll of a book. ⁵ And Jeremiah commanded Baruch, saying, *I am shut up; I cannot go into the house of the LORD:* ⁶ therefore go thou, and read in the roll, which thou hast written from my mouth, the words of the LORD in the ears of the people in the LORD's house upon the fasting day: and also thou shalt read them in the ears of all Judah that come out of their cities. ⁷ It may be ^{*} they will pre- Heb. *their supplication shall fall.* sent their supplication before the LORD, and will return every one from his evil way: for great *is* the anger and the fury that the LORD hath pronounced against this people.

⁸ And Baruch the son of Neriah did according to all that Jeremiah the prophet commanded him, reading in the book the words of the LORD in the LORD's house.

⁹ And it came to pass in the fifth year of Jehoiakim the son of Josiah king of Judah, in the ninth month, *that* they proclaimed a fast before the LORD to all the people in Jerusalem, and to all the people that came from the cities of Judah unto Jerusalem. ¹⁰ Then read Baruch in the book the words of Jeremiah in the house of the LORD, in the chamber of Gemariah the son of Shaphan the scribe, in the higher court, at the ^{*}entry of the new gate of the LORD's house, in Or, *door.* the ears of all the people.

¹¹ When Michaiah the son of Gemariah, the son of

Shaphan, had heard out of the book all the words of the LORD, ¹² then he went down into the king's house, into the scribe's chamber: and, lo, all the princes sat there, *even* Elishama the scribe, and Delaiah the son of Shemaiah, and Elnathan the son of Achbor, and Gemariah the son of Shaphan, and Zedekiah the son of Hananiah, and all the princes. ¹³ Then Michaiah declared unto them all the words that he had heard, when Baruch read the book in the ears of the people.

¹⁴ Therefore all the princes sent Jehudi the son of Nethaniah, the son of Shelemiah, the son of Cush, unto Baruch, saying, Take in thine hand the roll wherein thou hast read in the ears of the people, and come. So Baruch the son of Neriah took the roll in his hand, and came unto them. ¹⁵ And they said unto him, Sit down now, and read it in our ears. So Baruch read *it* in their ears.

¹⁶ Now it came to pass, when they had heard all the words, they were afraid both one and other, and said unto Baruch, We will surely tell the king of all these words. ¹⁷ And they asked Baruch, saying, Tell us now, How didst thou write all these words at his mouth? ¹⁸ Then Baruch answered them, He pronounced all these words unto me with his mouth, and I wrote *them* with ink in the book. ¹⁹ Then said the princes unto Baruch, Go, hide thee, thou and Jeremiah; and let no man know where ye be.

²⁰ And they went in to the king into the court, but they laid up the roll in the chamber of Elishama the scribe, and told all the words in the ears of the king.

²¹ So the king sent Jehudi to fetch the roll: and he took it out of Elishama the scribe's chamber. And Jehudi read it in the ears of the king, and in the ears of all the princes which stood beside the king.

²² Now the king sat in the winterhouse in the ninth

month: and *there was a fire* on the hearth burning before him. ²³ And it came to pass, *that* when Jehudi had read three or four leaves, he cut it with the penknife, and cast *it* into the fire that *was* on the hearth, until all the roll was consumed in the fire that *was* on the hearth. ²⁴ Yet they were not afraid, nor rent their garments, *neither* the king, nor any of his servants that heard all these words. ²⁵ Nevertheless Elnathan and Delaiah and Gemariah had made intercession to the king that he would not burn the roll: but he would not hear them. ²⁶ But the king commanded Jerahmeel the son *of Hammelech, and Seraiah ^{Or, of the king.} the son of Azriel, and Shelemiah the son of Abdeel, to take Baruch the scribe and Jeremiah the prophet: but the LORD hid them.

²⁷ Then the word of the LORD came to Jeremiah after that the king had burned the roll, and the words which Baruch wrote at the mouth of Jeremiah, saying, ²⁸ Take thee again another roll, and write in it all the former words that were in the first roll, which Jehoiakim the king of Judah hath burned. ²⁹ And thou shalt say to Jehoiakim king of Judah, Thus saith the LORD; Thou hast burned this roll, saying, Why hast thou written therein, saying, The king of Babylon shall certainly come and destroy this land, and shall cause to cease from thence man and beast? ³⁰ Therefore thus saith the LORD of Jehoiakim king of Judah; He shall have none to sit upon the throne of David: and his dead body shall be cast out in the day to the heat, and in the night to the frost. ³¹ And I will *punish him, and his seed, and his servants, for ^{Heb. visit upon.} their iniquity; and I will bring upon them, and upon the inhabitants of Jerusalem, and upon the men of Judah, all the evil that I have pronounced against them; but they hearkened not.

³² Then took Jeremiah another roll, and gave it to Baruch the scribe, the son of Neriah; who wrote therein from the mouth of Jeremiah all the words of the book which Jehoiakim king of Judah had burned in the fire: and there were added besides unto them many *like words.

*Heb. words
as they.*

XXXVII. AND king Zedekiah the son of Josiah reigned instead of Coniah the son of Jehoiakim, whom Nebuchadrezzar king of Babylon made king in the land of Judah. ² But neither he, nor his servants, nor the people of the land, did hearken unto the words of the LORD, which he spake *by the pro-

*Heb. by the hand
of the prophet.*

phet Jeremiah. ³ And Zedekiah the king sent Jehucal the son of Shelemiah, and Zephaniah the son of Maaseiah the priest, to the prophet Jeremiah, saying, Pray now unto the LORD our God for us. ⁴ Now Jeremiah came in and went out among the people: for they had not put him into prison. ⁵ Then Pharaoh's army was come forth out of Egypt: and when the Chaldeans that besieged Jerusalem heard tidings of them, they departed from Jerusalem.

⁶ Then came the word of the LORD unto the prophet Jeremiah, saying, ⁷ Thus saith the LORD, the God of Israel; Thus shall ye say to the king of Judah, that sent you unto me to enquire of me; Behold, Pharaoh's army, which is come forth to help you, shall return to Egypt into their own land. ⁸ And the Chaldeans shall come again, and fight against this city, and take it, and burn it with fire. ⁹ Thus saith the LORD; Deceive not *yourselves, saying,

*Heb. your
souls.*

The Chaldeans shall surely depart from us: for they shall not depart. ¹⁰ For though ye had smitten the whole army of the Chaldeans that fight against you, and there remained *but* *wounded men among

*Heb. men thrust
through.*

them, *yet* should they rise up every man in his tent, and burn this city with fire.

¹¹ And it came to pass, that when the army of the Chaldeans was *broken up from Jerusalem for ^{Heb. made to ascend.} fear of Pharaoh's army, ¹² then Jeremiah went forth out of Jerusalem, to go into the land of Benjamin, *to separate himself thence in the ^{Or, to slip away from thence in the midst of the people.} midst of the people. ¹³ And when he was in the gate of Benjamin, a captain of the ward *was* there, whose name *was* Irijah, the son of Shelemiah, the son of Hananiah; and he took Jeremiah the prophet, saying, Thou fallest away to the Chaldeans. ¹⁴ Then said Jeremiah, *It is* *false; I fall not away to the Chal- ^{Heb. falsehood, or, a lie.} deans. But he hearkened not to him: so Irijah took Jeremiah, and brought him to the princes. ¹⁵ Wherefore the princes were wroth with Jeremiah, and smote him, and put him in prison in the house of Jonathan the scribe: for they had made that the prison.

¹⁶ When Jeremiah was entered into the dungeon, and into the *cabins, and Jeremiah had remained ^{Or, cells.} there many days; then Zedekiah the king sent, and took him out: ¹⁷ and the king asked him secretly in his house, and said, Is there *any* word from the LORD? And Jeremiah said, There is: for, said he, thou shalt be delivered into the hand of the king of Babylon.

¹⁸ Moreover Jeremiah said unto king Zedekiah, What have I offended against thee, or against thy servants, or against this people, that ye have put me in prison?

¹⁹ Where *are* now your prophets which prophesied unto you, saying, The king of Babylon shall not come against you, nor against this land? ²⁰ Therefore hear now, I pray thee, O my lord the king: *let ^{Heb. let my supplication fall.}

my supplication, I pray thee, be accepted before thee; that thou cause me not to return to the house of Jonathan the scribe, lest I die there. ²¹ Then Zedekiah

the king commanded that they should commit Jeremiah into the court of the prison, and that they should give him daily a piece of bread out of the bakers' street, until all the bread in the city were spent. Thus Jeremiah remained in the court of the prison.

XXXVIII. Then Shephatiah the son of Mattan, and Gedaliah the son of Pashur, and Jucal the son of Shelemiah, and Pashur the son of Malchiah, heard the words that Jeremiah had spoken unto all the people, saying, ² Thus saith the LORD, He that remaineth in this city shall die by the sword, by the famine, and by the pestilence; but he that goeth forth to the Chaldeans shall live; for he shall have his life for a prey, and shall live. ³ Thus saith the LORD, This city shall surely be given into the hand of the king of Babylon's army, which shall take it.

⁴ Therefore the princes said unto the king, We beseech thee, let this man be put to death: for thus he weakeneth the hands of the men of war that remain in this city, and the hands of all the people, in speaking such words unto them: for this man seeketh not the ^{*}welfare of this people, but the hurt. ⁵ Then ^{Heb. peace.} Zedekiah the king said, Behold, he *is* in your hand: for the king *is* not *he that* can do *any* thing against you. ⁶ Then took they Jeremiah, and cast him into the dungeon of Malchiah the son ^{*}of Hammelech, ^{Or, of the king.} that *was* in the court of the prison: and they let down Jeremiah with cords. And in the dungeon *there was* no water, but mire: so Jeremiah sunk in the mire.

⁷ Now when Ebed-melech the Ethiopian, one of the eunuchs which was in the king's house, heard that they had put Jeremiah in the dungeon; the king then sitting in the gate of Benjamin; ⁸ Ebed-melech went forth out of the king's house, and spake to the king, saying, ⁹ My lord the king, these men have done evil

in all that they have done to Jeremiah the prophet, whom they have cast into the dungeon; and *he ^{Heb. he will die.} is like to die for hunger in the place where he is: for *there is* no more bread in the city. ¹⁰ Then the king commanded Ebed-melech the Ethiopian, saying, Take from hence thirty men *with thee, and take up ^{Heb. in thine hand.} Jeremiah the prophet out of the dungeon, before he die.

¹¹ So Ebed-melech took the men with him, and went into the house of the king under the treasury, and took thence old cast clouts and old rotten rags, and let them down by cords into the dungeon to Jeremiah. ¹² And Ebed-melech the Ethiopian said unto Jeremiah, Put now *these* old cast clouts and rotten rags under thine armholes under the cords. And Jeremiah did so. ¹³ So they drew up Jeremiah with cords, and took him up out of the dungeon: and Jeremiah remained in the court of the prison.

¹⁴ Then Zedekiah the king sent, and took Jeremiah the prophet unto him into the *third entry ^{Or, principal.} that *is* in the house of the LORD: and the king said unto Jeremiah, I will ask thee a thing; hide nothing from me. ¹⁵ Then Jeremiah said unto Zedekiah, If I declare *it* unto thee, wilt thou not surely put me to death? and if I give thee counsel, wilt thou not hearken unto me? ¹⁶ So Zedekiah the king sware secretly unto Jeremiah, saying, *As* the LORD liveth, that made us this soul, I will not put thee to death, neither will I give thee into the hand of these men that seek thy life.

¹⁷ Then said Jeremiah unto Zedekiah, Thus saith the LORD, the God of hosts, the God of Israel; If thou wilt assuredly go forth unto the king of Babylon's princes, then thy soul shall live, and this city shall not be burned with fire; and thou shalt live, and thine house: ¹⁸but if thou wilt not go forth to the king

of Babylon's princes, then shall this city be given into the hand of the Chaldeans, and they shall burn it with fire, and thou shalt not escape out of their hand.

¹⁹ And Zedekiah the king said unto Jeremiah, I am afraid of the Jews that are fallen to the Chaldeans, lest they deliver me into their hand, and they mock me.

²⁰ But Jeremiah said, They shall not deliver *thee*. Obey, I beseech thee, the voice of the LORD, which I speak unto thee: so it shall be well unto thee, and thy soul shall live. ²¹ But if thou refuse to go forth, this *is* the word that the LORD hath shewed me: ²² and, behold, all the women that are left in the king of Judah's house *shall be* brought forth to the king of Babylon's princes, and those *women* shall say, *Thy friends have set thee on, and have prevailed ^{Heb. The men of thy peace.} against thee: thy feet are sunk in the mire, *and* they are turned away back. ²³ So they shall bring out all thy wives and thy children to the Chaldeans: and thou shalt not escape out of their hand, but shalt be taken by the hand of the king of Babylon: and *thou shalt cause this city to be burned with fire. ^{Heb. thou shalt burn, &c.}

²⁴ Then said Zedekiah unto Jeremiah, Let no man know of these words, and thou shalt not die. ²⁵ But if the princes hear that I have talked with thee, and they come unto thee, and say unto thee, Declare unto us now what thou hast said unto the king, hide it not from us, and we will not put thee to death; also what the king said unto thee: ²⁶ then thou shalt say unto them, I presented my supplication before the king, that he would not cause me to return to Jonathan's house, to die there.

²⁷ Then came all the princes unto Jeremiah, and asked him: and he told them according to all these words that the king had commanded. So *they ^{Heb. they were silent from him.} left off speaking with him; for the matter was not

perceived. ²⁸ So Jeremiah abode in the court of the prison until the day that Jerusalem was taken; and he was *there* when Jerusalem was taken.

XXXIX. IN the ninth year of Zedekiah king of Judah, in the tenth month, came Nebuchadrezzar king of Babylon and all his army against Jerusalem, and they besieged it.

² *And* in the eleventh year of Zedekiah, in the fourth month, the ninth *day* of the month, the city was broken up. ³ And all the princes of the king of Babylon came in, and sat in the middle gate, *even* Nergal-sharezer, Samgar-nebo, Sarsechim, Rab-saris, Nergal-sharezer, Rab-mag, with all the residue of the princes of the king of Babylon.

⁴ And it came to pass, *that* when Zedekiah the king of Judah saw them, and all the men of war, then they fled, and went forth out of the city by night, by the way of the king's garden, by the gate betwixt the two walls; and he went out the way of the plain. ⁵ But the Chaldeans' army pursued after them, and overtook Zedekiah in the plains of Jericho: and when they had taken him, they brought him up to Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon to Riblah in the land of Hamath, where he ^{*} gave judgment upon him. ⁶ Then ^{Heb. spake with him judgments.} the king of Babylon slew the sons of Zedekiah in Riblah before his eyes; also the king of Babylon slew all the nobles of Judah. ⁷ Moreover he put out Zedekiah's eyes, and bound him ^{*} with chains, ^{Heb. with two brassen chains, or, fetters.} to carry him to Babylon. ⁸ And the Chaldeans burned the king's house, and the houses of the people, with fire, and brake down the walls of Jerusalem.

⁹ Then Nebuzar-adan the ^{*} captain of the guard carried away captive into Babylon the remnant of the people that remained in the city, ^{Or, chief marshal. Heb. chief of the executioners, or, slaughtermen.}

and those that fell away, that fell to him, with the rest of the people that remained. ¹⁰But Nebuzar-adan the captain of the guard left of the poor of the people, which had nothing, in the land of Judah, and gave them vineyards and fields *at the same time. ^{Heb. in that day.}

¹¹Now Nebuchadrezzar king of Babylon gave charge concerning Jeremiah *to Nebuzar-adan the ^{Heb. by the hand of.} captain of the guard, saying, ¹²Take him, and *look well to him, and do him no harm; but do unto ^{Heb. set thine eyes upon him.} him even as he shall say unto thee. ¹³So Nebuzar-adan the captain of the guard sent, and Nebushasban, Rab-saris, and Nergal-sharezer, Rab-mag, and all the king of Babylon's princes; ¹⁴even they sent, and took Jeremiah out of the court of the prison, and committed him unto Gedaliah the son of Ahikam the son of Shaphan, that he should carry him home: so he dwelt among the people.

¹⁵Now the word of the LORD came unto Jeremiah, while he was shut up in the court of the prison, saying,

¹⁶Go and speak to Ebed-melech the Ethiopian, saying,

Thus saith the LORD of hosts, the God of Israel; Behold, I will bring my words upon this city for evil, and not for good; and they shall be *accomplished* in that day before thee. ¹⁷But I will deliver thee in that day, saith the LORD; and thou shalt not be given into the hand of the men of whom thou *art* afraid. ¹⁸For I will surely deliver thee, and thou shalt not fall by the sword, but thy life shall be for a prey unto thee: because thou hast put thy trust in me, saith the LORD.

XL. THE word that came to Jeremiah from the LORD, after that Nebuzar-adan the captain of the

guard had let him go from Ramah, when he had taken him, being bound in *chains among all Or, manacles. that were carried away captive of Jerusalem and Judah, which were carried away captive unto Babylon.

²And the captain of the guard took Jeremiah, and said unto him, The LORD thy God hath pronounced this evil upon this place. ³Now the LORD hath brought *it*, and done according as he hath said: because ye have sinned against the LORD, and have not obeyed his voice, therefore this thing is come upon you. ⁴And now, behold, I loose thee this day from the chains which *were* upon thine hand. Or, are upon thine hand. If it seem good unto thee to come with me into Babylon, come; and *I* will look well unto Heb. I will set mine eye upon thee. thee: but if it seem ill unto thee to come with me into Babylon, forbear: behold, all the land *is* before thee: whither it seemeth good and convenient for thee to go, thither go.

⁵Now while he was not yet gone back, *he said*, Go back also to Gedaliah the son of Ahikam the son of Shaphan, whom the king of Babylon hath made governor over the cities of Judah, and dwell with him among the people: or go wheresoever it seemeth convenient unto thee to go. So the captain of the guard gave him victuals and a reward, and let him go. ⁶Then went Jeremiah unto Gedaliah the son of Ahikam to Mizpah; and dwelt with him among the people that were left in the land.

⁷Now when all the captains of the forces which *were* in the fields, *even* they and their men, heard that the king of Babylon had made Gedaliah the son of Ahikam governor in the land, and had committed unto him men, and women, and children, and of the poor of the land, of them that were not carried away captive to Babylon; ⁸then they came to Gedaliah to Mizpah,

even Ishmael the son of Nethaniah, and Johanan and Jonathan the sons of Kareah, and Seraiah the son of Tanhumeth, and the sons of Ephai the Netophathite, and Jezaniah the son of a Maachathite, they and their men.

⁹ And Gedaliah the son of Ahikam the son of Shaphan sware unto them and to their men, saying, Fear not to serve the Chaldeans: dwell in the land, and serve the king of Babylon, and it shall be well with you. ¹⁰ As for me, behold, I will dwell at Mizpah, *to serve the Chaldeans, which will come ^{Heb. to stand before.} unto us: but ye, gather ye wine, and summer fruits, and oil, and put *them* in your vessels, and dwell in your cities that ye have taken.

¹¹ Likewise when all the Jews that *were* in Moab, and among the Ammonites, and in Edom, and that *were* in all the countries, heard that the king of Babylon had left a remnant of Judah, and that he had set over them Gedaliah the son of Ahikam the son of Shaphan; ¹² even all the Jews returned out of all places whither they were driven, and came to the land of Judah, to Gedaliah, unto Mizpah, and gathered wine and summer fruits very much.

¹³ Moreover Johanan the son of Kareah, and all the captains of the forces that *were* in the fields, came to Gedaliah to Mizpah, ¹⁴ and said unto him, Dost thou certainly know that Baalis the king of the Ammonites hath sent Ishmael the son of Nethaniah *to ^{Heb. to strike thee in soul?} slay thee? But Gedaliah the son of Ahikam believed them not. ¹⁵ Then Johanan the son of Kareah spake to Gedaliah in Mizpah secretly, saying, Let me go, I pray thee, and I will slay Ishmael the son of Nethaniah, and no man shall know *it*: wherefore should he slay thee, that all the Jews which are gathered unto thee should be scattered, and the remnant in Judah perish? ¹⁶ But

Gedaliah the son of Ahikam said unto Johanan the son of Kareah, Thou shalt not do this thing: for thou speakest falsely of Ishmael.

XLI. Now it came to pass in the seventh month, *that* Ishmael the son of Nethaniah the son of Elishama, of the seed royal, and the princes of the king, even ten men with him, came unto Gedaliah the son of Ahikam to Mizpah; and there they did eat bread together in Mizpah. ²Then arose Ishmael the son of Nethaniah, and the ten men that were with him, and smote Gedaliah the son of Ahikam the son of Shaphan with the sword, and slew him, whom the king of Babylon had made governor over the land. ³Ishmael also slew all the Jews that were with him, *even* with Gedaliah, at Mizpah, and the Chaldeans that were found there, *and* the men of war.

⁴And it came to pass the second day after he had slain Gedaliah, and no man knew *it*, ⁵that there came certain from Shechem, from Shiloh, and from Samaria, *even* fourscore men, having their beards shaven, and their clothes rent, and having cut themselves, with offerings and incense in their hand, to bring *them* to the house of the LORD. ⁶And Ishmael the son of Nethaniah went forth from Mizpah to meet them, ^{*}weeping all along as he went: and it came to pass, as ^{Heb. in going and weeping.} he met them, he said unto them, Come to Gedaliah the son of Ahikam. ⁷And it was *so*, when they came into the midst of the city, that Ishmael the son of Nethaniah slew them, *and cast them* into the midst of the pit, he, and the men that *were* with him. ⁸But ten men were found among them that said unto Ishmael, Slay us not: for we have treasures in the field, of wheat, and of barley, and of oil, and of honey. So he forbore, and slew them not among their brethren.

⁹Now the pit wherein Ishmael had cast all the dead

bodies of the men, whom he had slain *because of Gedaliah, *was* it which Asa the king had made Or, near Gedaliah. Heb. by the hand, or, by the side of Gedaliah. for fear of Baasha king of Israel: *and* Ishmael the son of Nethaniah filled it with *them that were* slain.

¹⁰Then Ishmael carried away captive all the residue of the people that *were* in Mizpah, *even* the king's daughters, and all the people that remained in Mizpah, whom Nebuzar-adan the captain of the guard had committed to Gedaliah the son of Ahikam: and Ishmael the son of Nethaniah carried them away captive, and departed to go over to the Ammonites.

¹¹But when Johanan the son of Kareah, and all the captains of the forces that *were* with him, heard of all the evil that Ishmael the son of Nethaniah had done, ¹²then they took all the men, and went to fight with Ishmael the son of Nethaniah, and found him by the great waters that *are* in Gibeon. ¹³Now it came to pass, *that* when all the people which *were* with Ishmael saw Johanan the son of Kareah, and all the captains of the forces that *were* with him, then they were glad. ¹⁴So all the people that Ishmael had carried away captive from Mizpah cast about and returned, and went unto Johanan the son of Kareah. ¹⁵But Ishmael the son of Nethaniah escaped from Johanan with eight men, and went to the Ammonites.

¹⁶Then took Johanan the son of Kareah, and all the captains of the forces that *were* with him, all the remnant of the people whom he had recovered from Ishmael the son of Nethaniah, from Mizpah, after *that* he had slain Gedaliah the son of Ahikam, *even* mighty men of war, and the women, and the children, and the eunuchs, whom he had brought again from Gibeon: ¹⁷and they departed, and dwelt in the habitation of Chimham, which is by Beth-lehem, to go to enter into

Egypt, ¹⁸ because of the Chaldeans: for they were afraid of them, because Ishmael the son of Nethaniah had slain Gedaliah the son of Ahikam, whom the king of Babylon made governor in the land.

XLII. Then all the captains of the forces, and Johanan the son of Kareah, and Jezaniah the son of Hoshaiah, and all the people from the least even unto the greatest, came near, ² and said unto Jeremiah the prophet, * Let, we beseech thee, our sup- Or, Let our supplication fall before thee. plication be accepted before thee, and pray for us unto the LORD thy God, *even* for all this remnant; (for we are left *but* a few of many, as thine eyes do behold us :) ³ that the LORD thy God may shew us the way wherein we may walk, and the thing that we may do.

⁴ Then Jeremiah the prophet said unto them, I have heard *you*; behold, I will pray unto the LORD your God according to your words; and it shall come to pass, *that* whatsoever thing the LORD shall answer you, I will declare *it* unto you; I will keep nothing back from you.

⁵ Then they said to Jeremiah, The LORD be a true and faithful witness between us, if we do not even according to all things for the which the LORD thy God shall send thee to us. ⁶ Whether *it be* good, or whether *it be* evil, we will obey the voice of the LORD our God, to whom we send thee; that it may be well with us, when we obey the voice of the LORD our God.

⁷ And it came to pass after ten days, that the word of the LORD came unto Jeremiah. ⁸ Then called he Johanan the son of Kareah, and all the captains of the forces which *were* with him, and all the people from the least even to the greatest, ⁹ and said unto them, Thus saith the LORD, the God of Israel, unto whom ye sent me to present your supplication before him; ¹⁰ If ye will still abide in this land, then will I build you,

and not pull *you* down, and I will plant you, and not pluck *you* up: for I repent me of the evil that I have done unto you. ¹¹ Be not afraid of the king of Babylon, of whom ye are afraid; be not afraid of him, saith the LORD: for I *am* with you to save you, and to deliver you from his hand. ¹² And I will shew mercies unto you, that he may have mercy upon you, and cause you to return to your own land.

¹³ But if ye say, We will not dwell in this land, neither obey the voice of the LORD your God, ¹⁴ saying, No; but we will go into the land of Egypt, where we shall see no war, nor hear the sound of the trumpet, nor have hunger of bread; and there will we dwell: ¹⁵ and now therefore hear the word of the LORD, ye remnant of Judah; Thus saith the LORD of hosts, the God of Israel; If ye wholly set your faces to enter into Egypt, and go to sojourn there; ¹⁶ then it shall come to pass, *that* the sword, which ye feared, shall overtake you there in the land of Egypt, and the famine, whereof ye were afraid, *shall follow close ^{Heb. shall cleave after you.} after you there in Egypt; and there ye shall die.

¹⁷ * So shall it be with all the men that set ^{Heb. So shall all the men be.} their faces to go into Egypt to sojourn there; they shall die by the sword, by the famine, and by the pestilence: and none of them shall remain or escape from the evil that I will bring upon them. ¹⁸ For thus saith the LORD of hosts, the God of Israel; As mine anger and my fury hath been poured forth upon the inhabitants of Jerusalem; so shall my fury be poured forth upon you, when ye shall enter into Egypt: and ye shall be an execration, and an astonishment, and a curse, and a reproach; and ye shall see this place no more. ¹⁹

¹⁹ The LORD hath said concerning you, O ye remnant of Judah; Go ye not into Egypt: know certainly that I have *admonished you this day. ²⁰ For ^{Heb. testified against you.}

*ye dissembled in your hearts, when ye ^{Or, ye have used deceit against your souls.} sent me unto the LORD your God, saying, Pray for us unto the LORD our God; and according unto all that the LORD our God shall say, so declare unto us, and we will do *it*. ²¹ And *now* I have this day declared *it* to you; but ye have not obeyed the voice of the LORD your God, nor any *thing* for the which he hath sent me unto you. ²² Now therefore know certainly that ye shall die by the sword, by the famine, and by the pestilence, in the place whither ye desire * to ^{Or, to go to sojourn.} go *and* to sojourn.

XLIII. And it came to pass, *that* when Jeremiah had made an end of speaking unto all the people all the words of the LORD their God, for which the LORD their God had sent him to them, *even* all these words, ² then spake Azariah the son of Hoshaiiah, and Johanan the son of Kareah, and all the proud men, saying unto Jeremiah, Thou speakest falsely: the LORD our God hath not sent thee to say, Go not into Egypt to sojourn there: ³ but Baruch the son of Neriah setteth thee on against us, for to deliver us into the hand of the Chaldeans, that they might put us to death, and carry us away captive into Babylon.

⁴ So Johanan the son of Kareah, and all the captains of the forces, and all the people, obeyed not the voice of the LORD, to dwell in the land of Judah, ⁵ but Johanan the son of Kareah, and all the captains of the forces, took all the remnant of Judah, that were returned from all nations, whither they had been driven, to dwell in the land of Judah; ⁶ *even* men, and women, and children, and the king's daughters, and every person that Nebuzar-adan the captain of the guard had left with Gedaliah the son of Ahikam the son of Shaphan, and Jeremiah the prophet, and Baruch the son of Neriah. ⁷ So they came into the land of

Egypt; for they obeyed not the voice of the LORD: thus came they *even* to Tahpanhes.

⁸ Then came the word of the LORD unto Jeremiah in Tahpanhes, saying, ⁹ Take great stones in thine hand, and hide them in the clay in the brickkiln, which *is* at the entry of Pharaoh's house in Tahpanhes, in the sight of the men of Judah; ¹⁰ and say unto them, Thus saith the LORD of hosts, the God of Israel;

Behold, I will send and take Nebuchadrezzar the king of Babylon, my servant, and will set his throne upon these stones that I have hid; and he shall spread his royal pavilion over them. ¹¹ And when he cometh, he shall smite the land of Egypt, *and deliver such as are* for death to death; and such *as are* for captivity to captivity; and such *as are* for the sword to the sword. ¹² And I will kindle a fire in the houses of the gods of Egypt; and he shall burn them, and carry them away captives: and he shall array himself with the land of Egypt, as a shepherd putteth on his garment; and he shall go forth from thence in peace.

¹³ He shall break also the *images of *Beth-shemesh, that *is* in the land of Egypt; and ^{Heb. statues, or, standing images.} ^{Or, the house of the sun.} the houses of the gods of the Egyptians shall he burn with fire.

XLIV. The word that came to Jeremiah concerning all the Jews which dwell in the land of Egypt, which dwell at Migdol, and at Tahpanhes, and at Noph, and in the country of Pathros, saying,

² Thus saith the LORD of hosts, the God of Israel; Ye have seen all the evil that I have brought upon Jerusalem, and upon all the cities of Judah; and, behold, this day they *are* a desolation, and no man dwelleth therein, ³ because of their wickedness which they have committed to provoke me to anger, in that they went to burn incense, *and* to serve other gods,

whom they knew not, *neither* they, ye, nor your fathers. ⁴Howbeit I sent unto you all my servants the prophets, rising early and sending *them*, saying, Oh, do not this abominable thing that I hate. ⁵But they hearkened not, nor inclined their ear to turn from their wickedness, to burn no incense unto other gods. ⁶Wherefore my fury and mine anger was poured forth, and was kindled in the cities of Judah and in the streets of Jerusalem; and they are wasted *and* desolate, as at this day.

⁷Therefore now thus saith the LORD, the God of hosts, the God of Israel; Wherefore commit ye *this* great evil against your souls, to cut off from you man and woman, child and suckling, ^{*out of} Heb. out of the midst of Judah. Judah, to leave you none to remain; ⁸in that ye provoke me unto wrath with the works of your hands, burning incense unto other gods in the land of Egypt, whither ye be gone to dwell, that ye might cut yourselves off, and that ye might be a curse and a reproach among all the nations of the earth? ⁹Have ye forgotten the ^{*wickedness} Heb. wickednesses, or, punishments, &c. of your fathers, and the wickedness of the kings of Judah, and the wickedness of their wives, and your own wickedness, and the wickedness of your wives, which they have committed in the land of Judah, and in the streets of Jerusalem? ¹⁰They are not ^{*humbled} Heb. contrite. *even* unto this day, neither have they feared, nor walked in my law, nor in my statutes, that I set before you and before your fathers.

¹¹Therefore thus saith the LORD of hosts, the God of Israel; Behold, I will set my face against you for evil, and to cut off all Judah. ¹²And I will take the remnant of Judah, that have set their faces to go into the land of Egypt to sojourn there, and they shall all be consumed, *and* fall in the land of Egypt; they

shall *even* be consumed by the sword *and* by the famine: they shall die, from the least even unto the greatest, by the sword and by the famine: and they shall be an execration, *and* an astonishment, and a curse, and a reproach. ¹³ For I will punish them that dwell in the land of Egypt, as I have punished Jerusalem, by the sword, by the famine, and by the pestilence: ¹⁴ so that none of the remnant of Judah, which are gone into the land of Egypt to sojourn there, shall escape or remain, that they should return into the land of Judah, to the which they *have ^{Heb. lift up their soul.} a desire to return to dwell there: for none shall return but such as shall escape.

¹⁵ Then all the men which knew that their wives had burned incense unto other gods, and all the women that stood by, a great multitude, even all the people that dwelt in the land of Egypt, in Pathros, answered Jeremiah, saying, ¹⁶ *As for* the word that thou hast spoken unto us in the name of the LORD, we will not hearken unto thee. ¹⁷ But we will certainly do whatsoever thing goeth forth out of our own mouth, to burn incense unto the *queen of heaven, ^{Or, frame of heaven.} and to pour out drink offerings unto her, as we have done, we, and our fathers, our kings, and our princes, in the cities of Judah, and in the streets of Jerusalem: for *then* had we plenty of *victuals, and were ^{Heb. bread.} well, and saw no evil. ¹⁸ But since we left off to burn incense to the queen of heaven, and to pour out drink offerings unto her, we have wanted all *things*, and have been consumed by the sword and by the famine. ¹⁹ And when we burned incense to the queen of heaven, and poured out drink offerings unto her, did we make her cakes to worship her, and pour out drink offerings unto her, without our *men? ^{Or, husbands.}

²⁰ Then Jeremiah said unto all the people, to the

men, and to the women, and to all the people which had given him *that* answer, saying, ²¹ The incense that ye burned in the cities of Judah, and in the streets of Jerusalem, ye, and your fathers, your kings, and your princes, and the people of the land, did not the LORD remember them, and came it *not* into his mind? ²² So that the LORD could no longer bear, because of the evil of your doings, *and* because of the abominations which ye have committed: therefore is your land a desolation, and an astonishment, and a curse, without an inhabitant, as at this day. ²³ Because ye have burned incense, and because ye have sinned against the LORD, and have not obeyed the voice of the LORD, nor walked in his law, nor in his statutes, nor in his testimonies; therefore this evil is happened unto you, as at this day.

²⁴ Moreover Jeremiah said unto all the people, and to all the women, Hear the word of the LORD, all Judah that *are* in the land of Egypt: ²⁵ Thus saith the LORD of hosts, the God of Israel, saying; Ye and your wives have both spoken with your mouths, and fulfilled with your hand, saying, We will surely perform our vows that we have vowed, to burn incense to the queen of heaven, and to pour out drink offerings unto her: ye will surely accomplish your vows, and surely perform your vows. ²⁶ Therefore hear ye the word of the LORD, all Judah that dwell in the land of Egypt; Behold, I have sworn by my great name, saith the LORD, that my name shall no more be named in the mouth of any man of Judah in all the land of Egypt, saying, The Lord God liveth. ²⁷ Behold, I will watch over them for evil, and not for good: and all the men of Judah that *are* in the land of Egypt shall be consumed by the sword and by the famine, until there be an end of them. ²⁸ Yet a small number

that escape the sword shall return out of the land of Egypt into the land of Judah, and all the remnant of Judah, that are gone into the land of Egypt to sojourn there, shall know whose words shall stand, * mine, or their's.

Heb. *from me,*
or, *them.*

²⁹ And this *shall be* a sign unto you, saith the LORD, that I will punish you in this place, that ye may know that my words shall surely stand against you for evil: ³⁰ Thus saith the LORD; Behold, I will give Pharaoh-hophra king of Egypt into the hand of his enemies, and into the hand of them that seek his life; as I gave Zedekiah king of Judah into the hand of Nebuchadrezzar king of Babylon, his enemy, and that sought his life.

XLV. THE word that Jeremiah the prophet spake unto Baruch the son of Neriah, when he had written these words in a book at the mouth of Jeremiah, in the fourth year of Jehoiakim the son of Josiah king of Judah, saying,

² Thus saith the LORD, the God of Israel, unto thee, O Baruch;

³ Thou didst say, Woe is me now! for the LORD hath added grief to my sorrow; I fainted in my sighing, and I find no rest. ⁴ Thus shalt thou say unto him, The LORD saith thus; Behold, *that* which I have built will I break down, and that which I have planted I will pluck up, even this whole land.

⁵ And seekest thou great things for thyself? seek *them* not: for, behold, I will bring evil upon all flesh, saith the LORD: but thy life will I give unto thee for a prey in all places whither thou goest.

XLVI. THE word of the LORD which came to Jeremiah the prophet against the Gentiles; ² against Egypt, against the army of Pharaoh-necho king of

Egypt, which was by the river Euphrates in Carchemish, which Nebuchadrezzar king of Babylon smote in the fourth year of Jehoiakim the son of Josiah king of Judah.

³ Order ye the buckler and shield, and draw near to battle. ⁴ Harness the horses; and get up, ye horsemen, and stand forth with *your* helmets; furbish the spears, *and* put on the brigandines. ⁵ Wherefore have I seen them dismayed *and* turned away back? and their mighty ones are *beaten ^{Heb. broken in pieces.} down, and are *fled apace, and look not ^{Heb. fled a flight.} back: *for* fear *was* round about, saith the LORD.

⁶ Let not the swift flee away, nor the mighty man escape; they shall stumble, and fall toward the north by the river Euphrates.

⁷ Who *is* this *that* cometh up as a flood, whose waters are moved as the rivers? ⁸ Egypt riseth up like a flood, and *his* waters are moved like the rivers; and he saith, I will go up, *and* will cover the earth; I will destroy the city and the inhabitants thereof. ⁹ Come up, ye horses; and rage, ye chariots; and let the mighty men come forth; *the Ethi- ^{Heb. Cush.} opians and *the Libyans, that handle the ^{Heb. Put.} shield; and the Lydians, that handle *and* bend the bow. ¹⁰ For this *is* the day of the Lord God of hosts, a day of vengeance, that he may avenge him of his adversaries: and the sword shall devour, and it shall be satiate and made drunk with their blood: for the Lord God of hosts hath a sacrifice in the north country, by the river Euphrates.

¹¹ Go up into Gilead, and take balm, O virgin, the daughter of Egypt: in vain shalt thou use many medicines; *for* *thou shalt not be ^{Heb. no cure shall be unto thee.} cured. ¹² The nations have heard of thy shame, and thy cry hath filled the land: for the mighty

man hath stumbled against the mighty, *and* they are fallen both together.

¹³The word that the LORD spake to Jeremiah the prophet, how Nebuchadrezzar king of Babylon should come *and* smite the land of Egypt.

¹⁴Declare ye in Egypt, and publish in Migdol, and publish in Noph and in Tahpanhes: say ye, Stand fast, and prepare thee; for the sword shall devour round about thee.

¹⁵Why are thy valiant *men* swept away? they stood not, because the LORD did drive them. ¹⁶He ^{Heb. multiplied the faller.} *made many to fall, yea, one fell upon another: and they said, Arise, and let us go again to our own people, and to the land of our nativity, from the oppressing sword. ¹⁷They did cry there, Pharaoh king of Egypt *is but* a noise; he hath passed the time appointed.

¹⁸As I live, saith the King, whose name *is* the LORD of hosts, Surely as Tabor *is* among the mountains, and as Carmel by the sea, *so* shall he come. ¹⁹O thou daughter dwelling in Egypt, *furnish thyself to go into captivity: for Noph shall ^{Heb. make thee instruments of captivity.} be waste and desolate without an inhabitant.

²⁰Egypt *is like* a very fair heifer, *but* destruction cometh; it cometh out of the north. ²¹Also her hired men *are* in the midst of her like *fatted bullocks; for they also are turned back, *and* ^{Heb. bullocks of the stall.} are fled away together: they did not stand, because the day of their calamity was come upon them, *and* the time of their visitation. ²²The voice thereof shall go like a serpent; for they shall march with an army, and come against her with axes, as hewers of wood. ²³They shall cut down her forest, saith the LORD, though it cannot be searched; because they

are more than the grasshoppers, and *are* innumerable. ²⁴The daughter of Egypt shall be confounded; she shall be delivered into the hand of the people of the north.

²⁵The LORD of hosts, the God of Israel, saith; Behold, I will punish the *multitude of No, and ^{Or, nourisher. Heb. Amon.} Pharaoh, and Egypt, with their gods, and their kings; even Pharaoh, and *all* them that trust in him: ²⁶and I will deliver them into the hand of those that seek their lives, and into the hand of Nebuchadrezzar king of Babylon, and into the hand of his servants: and afterward it shall be inhabited, as in the days of old, saith the LORD.

²⁷But fear not thou, O my servant Jacob, and be not dismayed, O Israel: for, behold, I will save thee from afar off, and thy seed from the land of their captivity; and Jacob shall return, and be in rest and at ease, and none shall make *him* afraid. ²⁸Fear thou not, O Jacob my servant, saith the LORD: for I *am* with thee; for I will make a full end of all the nations whither I have driven thee: but I will not make a full end of thee, but correct thee in measure; yet will I *not leave thee ^{Or, not utterly cut thee off.} wholly unpunished.

XLVII. THE word of the LORD that came to Jeremiah the prophet against the Philistines, before that Pharaoh smote *Gaza.

Heb. *Azzah.*

²Thus saith the LORD;
Behold, waters rise up out of the north, and shall be an overflowing flood, and shall overflow the land, and *all that is therein; the city, and ^{Heb. the fulness thereof.} them that dwell therein: then the men shall cry, and all the inhabitants of the land shall howl. ³At the noise of the stamping of the hoofs of his strong

horses, at the rushing of his chariots, *and at* the rumbling of his wheels, the fathers shall not look back to *their* children for feebleness of hands; ⁴because of the day that cometh to spoil all the Philistines, *and* to cut off from Tyrus and Zidon every helper that remaineth: for the LORD will spoil the Philistines, the remnant of ^{*}the Heb. the isle. country of Caphtor. ⁵Baldness is come upon Gaza; Ashkelon is cut off *with* the remnant of their valley: how long wilt thou cut thyself?

⁶O thou sword of the LORD, how long *will it be* ere thou be quiet? ^{*}put up thyself into thy Heb. gather thyself. scabbard, rest, and be still. ⁷^{*}How can Heb. how canst thou? it be quiet, seeing the LORD hath given it a charge against Ashkelon, and against the sea shore? there hath he appointed it.

XLVIII. AGAINST Moab thus saith the LORD of hosts, the God of Israel;

Woe unto Nebo! for it is spoiled: Kiriathaim is confounded *and* taken: ^{*}Misgab is confounded Or, The high place. and dismayed. ²*There shall be* no more praise of Moab: in Heshbon they have devised evil against it; come, and let us cut it off from *being* a nation. Also thou shalt ^{*}be cut down, O Madmen; Or, be brought to silence. the sword shall ^{*}pursue thee. Heb. go after thee.

³A voice of crying *shall be* from Horonaim, spoiling and great destruction. ⁴Moab is destroyed; her little ones have caused a cry to be heard. ⁵For in the going up of Luhith ^{*}continual weep- Heb. weeping with weeping. ing shall go up; for in the going down of Horonaim the enemies have heard a cry of destruction.

⁶Flee, save your lives, and be like ^{*}the heath Or, a naked tree. in the wilderness. ⁷For because thou hast trusted in thy works and in thy treasures, thou shalt also

be taken: and Chemosh shall go forth into captivity *with* his priests and his princes together.

⁸ And the spoiler shall come upon every city, and no city shall escape: the valley also shall perish, and the plain shall be destroyed, as the LORD hath spoken.

⁹ Give wings unto Moab, that it may flee and get away: for the cities thereof shall be desolate, without any to dwell therein. ¹⁰ Cursed *be* he that doeth the work of the LORD *deceit- ^{Or, negligently.} fully, and cursed *be* he that keepeth back his sword from blood.

¹¹ Moab hath been at ease from his youth, and he hath settled on his lees, and hath not been emptied from vessel to vessel, neither hath he gone into captivity: therefore his taste *remained in ^{Heb. stood.} him, and his scent is not changed. ¹² Therefore, behold, the days come, saith the LORD, that I will send unto him wanderers, that shall cause him to wander, and shall empty his vessels, and break their bottles. ¹³ And Moab shall be ashamed of Chemosh, as the house of Israel was ashamed of Beth-el their confidence.

¹⁴ How say ye, We *are* mighty and strong men for the war? ¹⁵ Moab is spoiled, and gone up *out of* her cities, and *his chosen young men are gone ^{Heb. the choice of.} down to the slaughter, saith the King, whose name *is* the LORD of hosts. ¹⁶ The calamity of Moab *is* near to come, and his affliction hasteth fast. ¹⁷ All ye that are about him bemoan him; and all ye that know his name, say, How is the strong staff broken, *and* the beautiful rod!

¹⁸ Thou daughter that dost inhabit Dibon, come down from *thy* glory, and sit in thirst; for the spoiler of Moab shall come upon thee, *and* he shall destroy

thy strong holds. ¹⁹ O *inhabitant of Aroer, ^{Heb. inhabitress.} stand by the way, and espy; ask him that fleeth, and her that escapeth, *and* say, What is done?

²⁰ Moab is confounded; for it is broken down: howl and cry; tell ye it in Arnon, that Moab is spoiled, ²¹ and judgment is come upon the plain country: upon Holon, and upon Jahazah, and upon Mephath, ²² and upon Dibon, and upon Nebo, and upon Beth-diblathaim, ²³ and upon Kiriathaim, and upon Beth-gamul, and upon Beth-meon, ²⁴ and upon Kerioth, and upon Bozrah, and upon all the cities of the land of Moab, far or near. ²⁵ The horn of Moab is cut off, and his arm is broken, saith the LORD.

²⁶ Make ye him drunken: for he magnified *himself* against the LORD: Moab also shall wallow in his vomit, and he also shall be in derision. ²⁷ For was not Israel a derision unto thee? was he found among thieves? for since thou spakest of him, thou *skippedst for joy. ²⁸ O ye that dwell ^{Or, movedst thyself.} in Moab, leave the cities, and dwell in the rock, and be like the dove *that* maketh her nest in the sides of the hole's mouth.

²⁹ We have heard the pride of Moab, (he is exceeding proud) his loftiness, and his arrogancy, and his pride, and the haughtiness of his heart. ³⁰ I know his wrath, saith the LORD; but *it shall not be so*; *his lies shall not so effect *it*. ^{Or, those on whom he stayeth (Heb. his bars) do not right.}

³¹ Therefore will I howl for Moab, and I will cry out for all Moab; *mine heart* shall mourn for the men of Kir-heres. ³² O vine of Sibmah, I will weep for thee with the weeping of Jazer: thy plants are gone over the sea, they reach *even* to the sea of Jazer: the spoiler is fallen upon thy summer fruits and upon thy vintage. ³³ And joy and gladness is

taken from the plentiful field, and from the land of Moab; and I have caused wine to fail from the winepresses: none shall tread with shouting; *their shouting shall be* no shouting. ³⁴ From the cry of Heshbon *even* unto Elealeh, *and even* unto Jahaz, have they uttered their voice, from Zoar *even* unto Horonaim, *as* an heifer of three years old: for the waters also of Nimrim shall be *desolate. Heb. desolations.

³⁵ Moreover I will cause to cease in Moab, saith the LORD, him that offereth in the high places, and him that burneth incense to his gods. ³⁶ Therefore mine heart shall sound for Moab like pipes, and mine heart shall sound like pipes for the men of Kir-heres: because the riches *that* he hath gotten are perished. ³⁷ For every head *shall be* bald, and every beard *clipped: upon all the hands Heb. diminished. *shall be* cuttings, and upon the loins sackcloth. ³⁸ *There shall be* lamentation generally upon all the housetops of Moab, and in the streets thereof: for I have broken Moab like a vessel wherein *is* no pleasure, saith the LORD. ³⁹ They shall howl, *saying*, How is it broken down! how hath Moab turned the *back with shame! so shall Heb. neck. Moab be a derision and a dismaying to all them about him.

⁴⁰ For thus saith the LORD; Behold, he shall fly as an eagle, and shall spread his wings over Moab.

⁴¹ *Kerioth is taken, and the strong holds Or, The cities. are surprised, and the mighty men's hearts in Moab at that day shall be as the heart of a woman in her pangs. ⁴² And Moab shall be destroyed from *being* a people, because he hath magnified *himself* against the LORD. ⁴³ Fear, and the pit, and the snare, *shall be* upon thee, O inhabitant of Moab, saith the LORD.

⁴⁴ He that fleeth from the fear shall fall into the pit; and he that getteth up out of the pit shall be taken in the snare: for I will bring upon it, *even* upon Moab, the year of their visitation, saith the LORD.

⁴⁵ They that fled stood under the shadow of Heshbon because of the force: but a fire shall come forth out of Heshbon, and a flame from the midst of Sihon, and shall devour the corner of Moab, and the crown of the head of the *tumultuous ^{Heb. children of noise.} ones. ⁴⁶ Woe be unto thee, O Moab! the people of Chemosh perisheth: for thy sons are taken *captives, and thy daughters captives. ^{Heb. in captivity.}

⁴⁷ Yet will I bring again the captivity of Moab in the latter days, saith the LORD. Thus far *is* the judgment of Moab.

XLIX. *CONCERNING the Ammonites, thus *Or, Against.* saith the LORD;

Hath Israel no sons? hath he no heir? why *then* doth *their king inherit Gad, and his people dwell *Or, Melcom.* in his cities? ² Therefore, behold, the days come, saith the LORD, that I will cause an alarm of war to be heard in Rabbah of the Ammonites; and it shall be a desolate heap, and her daughters shall be burned with fire: then shall Israel be heir unto them that were his heirs, saith the LORD.

³ Howl, O Heshbon, for Ai is spoiled: cry, ye daughters of Rabbah, gird you with sackcloth; lament, and run to and fro by the hedges; for *their *Or, Melcom.* king shall go into captivity, *and* his priests and his princes together. ⁴ Wherefore gloriest thou in the valleys, *thy flowing valley, O backsliding ^{Or, thy valley floweth away.} daughter? that trusted in her treasures, *saying,* Who shall come unto me? ⁵ Behold, I will bring a fear upon thee, saith the Lord God of hosts, from

all those that be about thee; and ye shall be driven out every man right forth; and none shall gather up him that wandereth. ⁶And afterward I will bring again the captivity of the children of Ammon, saith the LORD.

⁷ CONCERNING Edom, thus saith the LORD of hosts;

Is wisdom no more in Teman? is counsel perished from the prudent? is their wisdom vanished? ⁸Flee ye, *turn back, dwell deep, O inhabitants of ^{Or, they are turned back.} Dedan; for I will bring the calamity of Esau upon him, the time *that* I will visit him.

⁹ If grapegatherers come to thee, would they not leave *some* gleaning grapes? if thieves by night, they will destroy *till they have enough. ¹⁰But ^{Heb. their sufficiency.} I have made Esau bare, I have uncovered his secret places, and he shall not be able to hide himself: his seed is spoiled, and his brethren, and his neighbours, and he *is* not.

¹¹ Leave thy fatherless children, I will preserve *them* alive; and let thy widows trust in me.

¹² For thus saith the LORD; Behold, they whose judgment *was* not to drink of the cup have assuredly drunken; and *art* thou he *that* shall altogether go unpunished? thou shalt not go unpunished, but thou shalt surely drink *of it*. ¹³For I have sworn by myself, saith the LORD, that Bozrah shall become a desolation, a reproach, a waste, and a curse; and all the cities thereof shall be perpetual wastes.

¹⁴ I have heard a rumour from the LORD, and an ambassador is sent unto the heathen, *saying*, Gather ye together, and come against her, and rise up to the battle. ¹⁵For, lo, I will make thee small among the heathen, *and* despised among men. ¹⁶Thy terrible-ness hath deceived thee, *and* the pride of thine

heart, O thou that dwellest in the clefts of the rock, that holdest the height of the hill: though thou shouldest make thy nest as high as the eagle, I will bring thee down from thence, saith the LORD.

¹⁷ Also Edom shall be a desolation: every one that goeth by it shall be astonished, and shall hiss at all the plagues thereof. ¹⁸ As in the overthrow of Sodom and Gomorrah and the neighbour *cities* thereof, saith the LORD, no man shall abide there, neither shall a son of man dwell in it.

¹⁹ Behold, he shall come up like a lion from the swelling of Jordan against the habitation of the strong: but I will suddenly make him run away from her: and who is a chosen *man*, *that* I may appoint over her? for who is like me? and who will <sup>Or, *convent me*
in judgment.</sup> appoint me the time? and who is that shepherd that will stand before me?

²⁰ Therefore hear the counsel of the LORD, that he hath taken against Edom; and his purposes, that he hath purposed against the inhabitants of Teman: Surely the least of the flock shall draw them out: surely he shall make their habitations desolate with them. ²¹ The earth is moved at the noise of their fall, at the cry the noise thereof was heard in the * Red sea. ²² Behold, he shall come up and <sup>Heb. *Weedy*
sea.</sup> fly as the eagle, and spread his wings over Bozrah: and at that day shall the heart of the mighty men of Edom be as the heart of a woman in her pangs.

²³ CONCERNING Damascus.

Hamath is confounded, and Arpad: for they have heard evil tidings: they are * fainthearted; ^{Heb. *meltd.*} *there is sorrow* * on the sea; it cannot be quiet. <sup>Or, *as on*
the sea.</sup>

²⁴ Damascus is waxed feeble, *and* turneth herself to flee, and fear hath seized on *her*: anguish and sor-

rows have taken her, as a woman in travail. ²⁵ How is the city of praise not left, the city of my joy!

²⁶ Therefore her young men shall fall in her streets, and all the men of war shall be cut off in that day, saith the LORD of hosts. ²⁷ And I will kindle a fire in the wall of Damascus, and it shall consume the palaces of Ben-hadad.

²⁸ CONCERNING Kedar, and concerning the kingdoms of Hazor, which Nebuchadrezzar king of Babylon shall smite, thus saith the LORD;

Arise ye, go up to Kedar, and spoil the men of the east. ²⁹ Their tents and their flocks shall they take away: they shall take to themselves their curtains, and all their vessels, and their camels; and they shall cry unto them, Fear *is* on every side. ³⁰ Flee, * get you afar off, dwell deep, O ye inhabi- ^{Heb. flit greatly.} tants of Hazor, saith the LORD; for Nebuchadrezzar king of Babylon had taken counsel against you, and hath conceived a purpose against you.

³¹ Arise, get you up unto the * wealthy nation, ^{Or, that is at ease.} that dwelleth without care, saith the LORD, which have neither gates nor bars, *which* dwell alone.

³² And their camels shall be a booty, and the multitude of their cattle a spoil: and I will scatter into all winds them *that are* * in the ^{Heb. cut off into corners, or, that have the corners of their hair polled.} utmost corners; and I will bring their calamity from all sides thereof, saith the LORD.

³³ And Hazor shall be a dwelling for dragons, *and* a desolation for ever: there shall no man abide there, nor *any* son of man dwell in it.

³⁴ THE word of the LORD that came to Jeremiah the prophet against Elam in the beginning of the reign of Zedekiah king of Judah, saying, ³⁵ Thus saith the LORD of hosts;

Behold, I will break the bow of Elam, the chief of their might. ³⁶ And upon Elam will I bring the four winds from the four quarters of heaven, and will scatter them toward all those winds; and there shall be no nation whither the outcasts of Elam shall not come. ³⁷ For I will cause Elam to be dismayed before their enemies, and before them that seek their life: and I will bring evil upon them, *even* my fierce anger, saith the LORD; and I will send the sword after them, till I have consumed them: ³⁸ and I will set my throne in Elam, and will destroy from thence the king and the princes, saith the LORD.

³⁹ But it shall come to pass in the latter days, *that* I will bring again the captivity of Elam, saith the LORD.

L. THE word that the LORD spake against Babylon *and* against the land of the Chaldeans *by Heb. by the hand of Jeremiah. Jeremiah the prophet.

² Declare ye among the nations, and publish, and *set up a standard; publish, *and* conceal not: Heb. lift up. say, Babylon is taken, Bel is confounded, Merodach is broken in pieces; her idols are confounded, her images are broken in pieces. ³ For out of the north there cometh up a nation against her, which shall make her land desolate, and none shall dwell therein: they shall remove, they shall depart, both man and beast.

⁴ In those days, and in that time, saith the LORD, the children of Israel shall come, they and the children of Judah together, going and weeping: they shall go, and seek the LORD their God. ⁵ They shall ask the way to Zion with their faces thitherward, *saying*, Come, and let us join ourselves to

the LORD in a perpetual covenant *that* shall not be forgotten.

⁶ My people hath been lost sheep: their shepherds have caused them to go astray, they have turned them away *on* the mountains: they have gone from mountain to hill, they have forgotten their *restingplace. ⁷ All that found them have ^{Heb. place to lie down in.} devoured them: and their adversaries said, We offend not, because they have sinned against the LORD, the habitation of justice, even the LORD, the hope of their fathers.

⁸ Remove out of the midst of Babylon, and go forth out of the land of the Chaldeans, and be as the he goats before the flocks. ⁹ For, lo, I will raise and cause to come up against Babylon an assembly of great nations from the north country: and they shall set themselves in array against her; from thence she shall be taken: their arrows *shall be* as of a mighty *expert man; none shall ^{Or, destroyer.} return in vain. ¹⁰ And Chaldea shall be a spoil: all that spoil her shall be satisfied, saith the LORD.

¹¹ Because ye were glad, because ye rejoiced, O ye destroyers of mine heritage, because ye are grown *fat as the heifer at grass, and *bellow as ^{Heb. big, or, corpulent.} bulls; ^{Or, neigh as steeds.} ¹² your mother shall be sore founded; she that bare you shall be ashamed: behold, the hindermost of the nations *shall be* a wilderness, a dry land, and a desert. ¹³ Because of the wrath of the LORD it shall not be inhabited, but it shall be wholly desolate: every one that goeth by Babylon shall be astonished, and hiss at all her plagues.

¹⁴ Put yourselves in array against Babylon round about: all ye that bend the bow, shoot at her, spare no arrows: for she hath sinned against the

LORD. ¹⁵ Shout against her round about: she hath given her hand: her foundations are fallen, her walls are thrown down: for it *is* the vengeance of the LORD: take vengeance upon her; as she hath done, do unto her. ¹⁶ Cut off the sower from Babylon, and him that handleth the *sickle Or, *scythe*. in the time of harvest: for fear of the oppressing sword they shall turn every one to his people, and they shall flee every one to his own land.

¹⁷ Israel *is* a scattered sheep; the lions have driven *him* away: first the king of Assyria hath devoured him; and last this Nebuchadrezzar king of Babylon hath broken his bones. ¹⁸ Therefore thus saith the LORD of hosts, the God of Israel; Behold, I will punish the king of Babylon and his land, as I have punished the king of Assyria. ¹⁹ And I will bring Israel again to his habitation, and he shall feed on Carmel and Bashan, and his soul shall be satisfied upon mount Ephraim and Gilead. ²⁰ In those days, and in that time, saith the LORD, the iniquity of Israel shall be sought for, and *there shall be* none; and the sins of Judah, and they shall not be found: for I will pardon them whom I reserve.

²¹ Go up against the land *of Merathaim, *even* Or, *of the rebels*. against it, and against the inhabitants of *Pekod: waste and utterly destroy after them, saith Or, *visitation*. the LORD, and do according to all that I have commanded thee. ²² A sound of battle *is* in the land, and of great destruction.

²³ How is the hammer of the whole earth cut asunder and broken! how is Babylon become a desolation among the nations! ²⁴ I have laid a snare for thee, and thou art also taken, O Babylon, and thou wast not aware: thou art found, and also caught, because thou hast striven against the LORD.

- ²⁵ The LORD hath opened his armoury, and hath brought forth the weapons of his indignation: for this *is* the work of the Lord God of hosts in the land of the Chaldeans. ²⁶ Come against her *from Heb. from the end. the utmost border, open her storehouses: *cast her up as heaps, and destroy her utterly: let Or, tread her. nothing of her be left. ²⁷ Slay all her bullocks; let them go down to the slaughter: woe unto them! for their day is come, the time of their visitation.
- ²⁸ The voice of them that flee and escape out of the land of Babylon, to declare in Zion the vengeance of the LORD our God, the vengeance of his temple.
- ²⁹ Call together the archers against Babylon: all ye that bend the bow, camp against it round about; let none thereof escape: recompense her according to her work; according to all that she hath done, do unto her: for she hath been proud against the LORD, against the Holy One of Israel. ³⁰ Therefore shall her young men fall in the streets, and all her men of war shall be cut off in that day, saith the LORD.
- ³¹ Behold, I *am* against thee, *O thou* *most Heb. pride. proud, saith the Lord God of hosts: for thy day is come, the time *that* I will visit thee. ³² And *the most proud shall stumble and fall, Heb. pride. and none shall raise him up: and I will kindle a fire in his cities, and it shall devour all round about him.
- ³³ Thus saith the LORD of hosts; The children of Israel and the children of Judah *were* oppressed together: and all that took them captives held them fast; they refused to let them go. ³⁴ Their Redeemer *is* strong; the LORD of hosts *is* his name; he shall thoroughly plead their cause, that he may give rest

to the land, and disquiet the inhabitants of Babylon. ³⁵ A sword *is* upon the Chaldeans, saith the LORD, and upon the inhabitants of Babylon, and upon her princes, and upon her wise *men*. ³⁶ A sword *is* upon the *liars; and they shall <sup>Or, chief stays.
Heb. bars.</sup> dote: a sword *is* upon her mighty men; and they shall be dismayed. ³⁷ A sword *is* upon their horses, and upon their chariots, and upon all the mingled people that *are* in the midst of her; and they shall become as women: a sword *is* upon her treasures; and they shall be robbed. ³⁸ A drought *is* upon her waters; and they shall be dried up: for it *is* the land of graven images, and they are mad upon *their* idols.

³⁹ Therefore the wild beasts of the desert with the wild beasts of the islands shall dwell *there*, and the owls shall dwell therein: and it shall be no more inhabited for ever; neither shall it be dwelt in from generation to generation. ⁴⁰ As God overthrew Sodom and Gomorrah and the neighbour *cities* thereof, saith the LORD; *so* shall no man abide there, neither shall any son of man dwell therein.

⁴¹ Behold, a people shall come from the north, and a great nation, and many kings shall be raised up from the coasts of the earth. ⁴² They shall hold the bow and the lance: they *are* cruel, and will not shew mercy: their voice shall roar like the sea, and they shall ride upon horses, *every one* put in array, like a man to the battle, against thee, O daughter of Babylon.

⁴³ The king of Babylon hath heard the report of them, and his hands waxed feeble: anguish took hold of him, *and* pangs as of a woman in travail. ⁴⁴ Behold, he shall come up like a lion from the swelling of Jordan unto the habitation of the strong: but

I will make them suddenly run away from her: and who *is* a chosen *man*, *that* I may appoint over her? for who *is* like me? and who will *appoint me the time? and who *is* that ^{Or, *convent me to plead.*} shepherd that will stand before me?

⁴⁵ Therefore hear ye the counsel of the LORD, that he hath taken against Babylon; and his purposes, that he hath purposed against the land of the Chaldeans: Surely the least of the flock shall draw them out: surely he shall make *their* habitation desolate with them. ⁴⁶ At the noise of the taking of Babylon the earth is moved, and the cry is heard among the nations.

LI. Thus saith the LORD; Behold, I will raise up against Babylon, and against them that dwell in the *midst of them that rise up against ^{Heb. *heart.*} me, a destroying wind; ² and will send unto Babylon fanners, that shall fan her, and shall empty her land: for in the day of trouble they shall be against her round about. ³ Against *him that* bendeth let the archer bend his bow, and against *him that* lifteth himself up in his brigandine: and spare ye not her young men; destroy ye utterly all her host. ⁴ Thus the slain shall fall in the land of the Chaldeans, and *they that are* thrust through in her streets.

⁵ For Israel *hath* not *been* forsaken, nor Judah of his God, of the LORD of hosts; though their land was filled with sin against the Holy One of Israel.

⁶ Flee out of the midst of Babylon, and deliver every man his soul: be not cut off in her iniquity; for this *is* the time of the LORD's vengeance; he will render unto her a recompence. ⁷ Babylon *hath been* a golden cup in the LORD's hand, that made all the earth drunken: the nations have drunken of her

wine; therefore the nations are mad. ⁸ Babylon is suddenly fallen and destroyed: howl for her; take balm for her pain, if so be she may be healed.

⁹ We would have healed Babylon, but she is not healed: forsake her, and let us go every one into his own country: for her judgment reacheth unto heaven, and is lifted up *even* to the skies. ¹⁰ The LORD hath brought forth our righteousness: come, and let us declare in Zion the work of the LORD our God.

¹¹ Make *bright the arrows; gather the shields: Heb. pure. the LORD hath raised up the spirit of the kings of the Medes: for his device *is* against Babylon, to destroy it; because it *is* the vengeance of the LORD, the vengeance of his temple. ¹² Set up the standard upon the walls of Babylon, make the watch strong, set up the watchmen, prepare the *ambushes: for the LORD hath both Heb. lies in wait. devised and done that which he spake against the inhabitants of Babylon.

¹³ O thou that dwellest upon many waters, abundant in treasures, thine end is come, *and* the measure of thy covetousness. ¹⁴ The LORD of hosts hath sworn *by himself, *saying*, Surely I will fill Heb. by his soul. thee with men, as with caterpillers; and they shall *lift up a shout against thee. Heb. utter.

¹⁵ He hath made the earth by his power, he hath established the world by his wisdom, and hath stretched out the heaven by his understanding. ¹⁶ When he uttereth *his* voice, *there is* a *multitude of waters in the heavens; and he causeth Or, noise. the vapours to ascend from the ends of the earth: he maketh lightnings with rain, and bringeth forth the wind out of his treasures. ¹⁷ Every man *is brutish by *his* knowledge; every Or, is more brutish than to know.

founder is confounded by the graven image; for his molten image *is* falsehood, and *there is* no breath in them. ¹⁸They *are* vanity, the work of errors: in the time of their visitation they shall perish. ¹⁹The portion of Jacob *is* not like them; for he *is* the former of all things: and *Israel is* the rod of his inheritance: the LORD of hosts *is* his name.

²⁰Thou *art* my battle ax *and* weapons of war: for *with thee will I break in pieces the nations, ^{Or, in thee, or, by thee.} and with thee will I destroy kingdoms; ²¹and with thee will I break in pieces the horse and his rider; and with thee will I break in pieces the chariot and his rider; ²²with thee also will I break in pieces man and woman; and with thee will I break in pieces old and young; and with thee will I break in pieces the young man and the maid; ²³I will also break in pieces with thee the shepherd and his flock; and with thee will I break in pieces the husbandman and his yoke of oxen; and with thee will I break in pieces captains and rulers. ²⁴And I will render unto Babylon and to all the inhabitants of Chaldea all their evil that they have done in Zion in your sight, saith the LORD.

²⁵Behold, I *am* against thee, O destroying mountain, saith the LORD, which destroyest all the earth: and I will stretch out mine hand upon thee, and roll thee down from the rocks, and will make thee a burnt mountain. ²⁶And they shall not take of thee a stone for a corner, nor a stone for foundations; but thou shalt be *desolate for ever, saith ^{Heb. everlasting desolations.} the LORD.

²⁷Set ye up a standard in the land, blow the trumpet among the nations, prepare the nations against her, call together against her the kingdoms of Ararat, Minni, and Ashchenaz; appoint a captain

against her; cause the horses to come up as the rough caterpillers. ²⁸ Prepare against her the nations with the kings of the Medes, the captains thereof, and all the rulers thereof, and all the land of his dominion. ²⁹ And the land shall tremble and sorrow: for every purpose of the LORD shall be performed against Babylon, to make the land of Babylon a desolation without an inhabitant.

³⁰ The mighty men of Babylon have forborn to fight, they have remained in *their* holds: their might hath failed; they became as women: they have burned her dwellingplaces; her bars are broken.

³¹ One post shall run to meet another, and one messenger to meet another, to shew the king of Babylon that his city is taken at *one* end, ³² and that the passages are stopped, and the reeds they have burned with fire, and the men of war are affrighted.

³³ For thus saith the LORD of hosts, the God of Israel; The daughter of Babylon *is* like a threshingfloor, ^{*} *it is time to thresh her: yet a little* Or, in the time that he thresheth her. while, and the time of her harvest shall come.

³⁴ Nebuchadrezzar the king of Babylon hath devoured me, he hath crushed me, he hath made me an empty vessel, he hath swallowed me up like a dragon, he hath filled his belly with my delicates, he hath cast me out. ³⁵ ^{*} The violence Heb. My violence. done to me and to my ^{*} flesh *be* upon Or, remainder. Babylon, shall the ^{*} inhabitant of Zion Heb. inhabitress. say; and my blood upon the inhabitants of Chaldea, shall Jerusalem say. ³⁶ Therefore thus saith the LORD; Behold, I will plead thy cause, and take vengeance for thee; and I will dry up her sea, and make her springs dry. ³⁷ And Babylon shall become heaps, a dwellingplace for dragons, an astonishment, and an hissing, without an inhabitant. ³⁸ They shall

roar together like lions: they shall *yell Or, shake themselves. as lions' whelps. ³⁹In their heat I will make their feasts, and I will make them drunken, that they may rejoice, and sleep a perpetual sleep, and not wake, saith the LORD. ⁴⁰I will bring them down like lambs to the slaughter, like rams with he goats.

⁴¹How is Sheshach taken! and how is the praise of the whole earth surprised! how is Babylon become an astonishment among the nations! ⁴²The sea is come up upon Babylon: she is covered with the multitude of the waves thereof. ⁴³Her cities are a desolation, a dry land, and a wilderness, a land wherein no man dwelleth, neither doth *any* son of man pass thereby. ⁴⁴And I will punish Bel in Babylon, and I will bring forth out of his mouth that which he hath swallowed up: and the nations shall not flow together any more unto him: yea, the wall of Babylon shall fall.

⁴⁵My people, go ye out of the midst of her, and deliver ye every man his soul from the fierce anger of the LORD. ⁴⁶And *lest your heart faint, and Or, let not. ye fear for the rumour that shall be heard in the land; a rumour shall both come *one* year, and after that in *another* year *shall come* a rumour, and violence in the land, ruler against ruler.

⁴⁷Therefore, behold, the days come, that I will *do judgment upon the graven images of Baby- Heb. visit upon. lon: and her whole land shall be confounded, and all her slain shall fall in the midst of her.

⁴⁸Then the heaven and the earth, and all that is therein, shall sing for Babylon: for the spoilers shall come unto her from the north, saith the LORD. ⁴⁹* As Babylon *hath caused* the slain of Israel to fall, so at Babylon shall fall the slain of all *the earth. Or, Both Babylon is to fall, O ye slain of Israel, and with Babylon, &c.

Or, the country.

⁵⁰ Ye that have escaped the sword, go away, stand not still: remember the LORD afar off, and let Jerusalem come into your mind.

⁵¹ We are confounded, because we have heard reproach: shame hath covered our faces: for strangers are come into the sanctuaries of the LORD's house. ⁵² Wherefore, behold, the days come, saith the LORD, that I will do judgment upon her graven images: and through all her land the wounded shall groan. ⁵³ Though Babylon should mount up to heaven, and though she should fortify the height of her strength, *yet* from me shall spoilers come unto her, saith the LORD.

⁵⁴ A sound of a cry *cometh* from Babylon, and great destruction from the land of the Chaldeans: ⁵⁵ because the LORD hath spoiled Babylon, and destroyed out of her the great voice; when her waves do roar like great waters, a noise of their voice is uttered: ⁵⁶ because the spoiler is come upon her, *even* upon Babylon, and her mighty men are taken, every one of their bows is broken: for the LORD God of recompences shall surely requite. ⁵⁷ And I will make drunk her princes, and her wise *men*, her captains, and her rulers, and her mighty men: and they shall sleep a perpetual sleep, and not wake, saith the King, whose name *is* the LORD of hosts.

⁵⁸ Thus saith the LORD of hosts; *The broad ^{Or, The walls of broad Babylon.} walls of Babylon shall be utterly *broken, ^{Or, made naked.} and her high gates shall be burned with fire; and the people shall labour in vain, and the folk in the fire, and they shall be weary.

⁵⁹ The word which Jeremiah the prophet commanded Seraiah the son of Neriah, the son of Maaseiah, when

he went *with Zedekiah the king of Judah into ^{Or, on the behalf of.} Babylon in the fourth year of his reign. And *this* Seraiah *was* a *quiet prince. ⁶⁰ So Jere- ^{Or, prince of Menucha, or, chief chamberlain.} miah wrote in a book all the evil that should come upon Babylon, *even* all these words that are written against Babylon. ⁶¹ And Jeremiah said to Seraiah, When thou comest to Babylon, and shalt see, and shalt read all these words; ⁶² then shalt thou say, O LORD, thou hast spoken against this place, to cut it off, that none shall remain in it, neither man nor beast, but that it shall be *desolate for ever. ⁶³ And it ^{Heb. desolations.} shall be, when thou hast made an end of reading this book, *that* thou shalt bind a stone to it, and cast it into the midst of Euphrates: ⁶⁴ and thou shalt say, Thus shall Babylon sink, and shall not rise from the evil that I will bring upon her: and they shall be weary.

Thus far *are* the words of Jeremiah.

LII. ZEDEKIAH *was* one and twenty years old when he *began to reign, and he reigned eleven ^{Heb. reigned.} years in Jerusalem. And his mother's name *was* Hamutal the daughter of Jeremiah of Libnah. ² And he did *that which was* evil in the eyes of the LORD, according to all that Jehoiakim had done. ³ For through the anger of the LORD it came to pass in Jerusalem and Judah, till he had cast them out from his presence, that Zedekiah rebelled against the king of Babylon.

⁴ And it came to pass in the ninth year of his reign, in the tenth month, in the tenth *day* of the month, *that* Nebuchadrezzar king of Babylon came, he and all his army, against Jerusalem, and pitched against it, and built forts against it round about. ⁵ So the city was besieged unto the eleventh year of king Zedekiah.

⁶ And in the fourth month, in the ninth *day* of the

month, the famine was sore in the city, so that there was no bread for the people of the land. ⁷ Then the city was broken up, and all the men of war fled, and went forth out of the city by night by the way of the gate between the two walls, which *was* by the king's garden; (now the Chaldeans *were* by the city round about:) and they went by the way of the plain. ⁸ But the army of the Chaldeans pursued after the king, and overtook Zedekiah in the plains of Jericho; and all his army was scattered from him. ⁹ Then they took the king, and carried him up unto the king of Babylon to Riblah in the land of Hamath; where he gave judgment upon him. ¹⁰ And the king of Babylon slew the sons of Zedekiah before his eyes: he slew also all the princes of Judah in Riblah. ¹¹ Then he ^{*}put Heb. blinded. out the eyes of Zedekiah; and the king of Babylon bound him in ^{*}chains, and carried him to Or, fetters. Babylon, and put him in ^{*}prison till the day Heb. house of the wards. of his death.

¹² Now in the fifth month, in the tenth *day* of the month, which *was* the nineteenth year of Nebuchadrezzar king of Babylon, came Nebuzar-adan, ^{*}captain of the guard, *which* ^{*}served the king of Or, chief marshal. Babylon, into Jerusalem, ¹³ and burned Heb. chief of the executioners*, or slaughtermen. the house of the LORD, and the king's house; and all the houses of Jerusalem, and all the houses of the great *men*, burned he with fire: ¹⁴ and all the army of the Chaldeans, that *were* with the captain of the guard, brake down all the walls of Jerusalem round about.

¹⁵ Then Nebuzar-adan the captain of the guard carried away captive *certain* of the poor of the people, and the residue of the people that remained in the city, and those that fell away, that fell to the king of Babylon, and the rest of the multitude. ¹⁶ But Nebuzar-adan the captain of the guard left *certain* of the

poor of the land, for vine-dressers and for husbandmen.

¹⁷Also the pillars of brass that *were* in the house of the LORD, and the bases, and the brasen sea that *was* in the house of the LORD, the Chaldeans brake, and carried all the brass of them to Babylon. ¹⁸The caldrons

also, and the *shovels, and the snuffers, and Or, instruments to remove the ashes. the *bowls, and the spoons, and all the vessels Or, basons. of brass wherewith they ministered, took they away.

¹⁹And the basons, and the *firepans, and the Or, censers. bowls, and the caldrons, and the candlesticks, and the spoons, and the cups; *that which was* of gold *in* gold, and *that which was* of silver *in* silver, took the captain of the guard away. ²⁰The two pillars, one sea, and twelve brasen bulls that *were* under the bases, which king Solomon had made in the house of the LORD: *the brass of all these vessels was without Heb. their brass. weight.

²¹And *concerning* the pillars, the height of one pillar *was* eighteen cubits; and a *fillet of twelve Heb. thread. cubits did compass it; and the thickness thereof *was* four fingers: *it was* hollow. ²²And a chapter of brass *was* upon it; and the height of one chapter *was* five cubits, with network and pomegranates upon the chapters round about, all *of* brass. The second pillar also and the pomegranates *were* like unto these. ²³And there were ninety and six pomegranates on a side; *and* all the pomegranates upon the network *were* an hundred round about.

²⁴And the captain of the guard took Seraiah the chief priest, and Zephaniah the second priest, and the three keepers of the *door: ²⁵he took also out Heb. threshold. of the city an eunuch, which had the charge of the men of war: and seven men of them that *were Heb. saw the face of the king. near the king's person, which were found in the city; and the *principal scribe of the host, who Or, scribe of the captain of the host.

mustered the people of the land; and threescore men of the people of the land, that were found in the midst of the city. ²⁶ So Nebuzar-adan the captain of the guard took them, and brought them to the king of Babylon to Riblah. ²⁷ And the king of Babylon smote them, and put them to death in Riblah in the land of Hamath. Thus Judah was carried away captive out of his own land.

²⁸ This *is* the people whom Nebuchadrezzar carried away captive: in the seventh year three thousand Jews and three and twenty: ²⁹ in the eighteenth year of Nebuchadrezzar he carried away captive from Jerusalem eight hundred thirty and two ^{*}persons: Heb. souls. ³⁰ in the three and twentieth year of Nebuchadrezzar Nebuzar-adan the captain of the guard carried away captive of the Jews seven hundred forty and five persons: all the persons *were* four thousand and six hundred.

³¹ And it came to pass in the seven and thirtieth year of the captivity of Jehoiachin king of Judah, in the twelfth month, in the five and twentieth *day* of the month, *that* Evil-merodach king of Babylon in the *first* year of his reign lifted up the head of Jehoiachin king of Judah, and brought him forth out of prison, ³² and spake ^{*}kindly unto him, and set his Heb. good things with him. throne above the throne of the kings that *were* with him in Babylon, ³³ and changed his prison garments: and he did continually eat bread before him all the days of his life. ³⁴ And *for* his diet, there was a continual diet given him of the king of Babylon, ^{*}every day a portion until the day of his Heb. the matter of the day in his day. death, all the days of his life.

THE LAMENTATIONS.



AN introductory verse contained in the Septuagint version supplies a description of this Book. "It came to pass, after Israel was taken captive, and Jerusalem made desolate, that Jeremias sat weeping, and lamented with this lamentation over Jerusalem."

The first two chapters may be regarded as referring to the siege and its immediate consequences. In the third chapter the prophet seems to refer principally to his own suffering state. The fourth chapter describes the sorrows of Zedekiah, and the ruined city; and in the last Jeremiah pours out his heart in supplication and confession for the remnant of his people.

LAMENTATIONS.

- I. How doth the city sit solitary, *that was* full of people! *how* is she become as a widow! she *that was* great among the nations, *and* princess among the provinces, *how* is she become tributary! * She weepeth sore in the night, and her tears *are* on her cheeks: among all her lovers she hath none to comfort *her*: all her friends have dealt treacherously with her, they are become her enemies.
- ³ Judah is gone into captivity because of affliction, and *because of great servitude: she dwell- Heb. for the greatness of servitude. eth among the heathen, she findeth no rest: all her persecutors overtook her between the straits.
- ⁴ The ways of Zion do mourn, because none come to the solemn feasts: all her gates are desolate: her priests sigh, her virgins are afflicted, and she *is* in bitterness.
- ⁵ Her adversaries are the chief, her enemies prosper; for the LORD hath afflicted her for the multitude of her transgressions: her children are gone into captivity before the enemy. ⁶ And from the daughter of Zion all her beauty is departed: her princes are become like harts *that* find no pasture, and they are gone without strength before the pursuer.

⁷ Jerusalem remembered in the days of her affliction and of her miseries all her *pleasant things Or, desirable. that she had in the days of old, when her people fell into the hand of the enemy, and none did help her: the adversaries saw her, *and* did mock at her sabbaths. ⁸ Jerusalem hath grievously sinned; therefore she *is removed: all that Heb. is become a removing, or, wandering. honoured her despise her, because they have seen her nakedness: yea, she sigheth, and turneth backward. ⁹ Her filthiness *is* in her skirts; she remembereth not her last end; therefore she came down wonderfully; she had no comforter.

O LORD, behold my affliction: for the enemy hath magnified *himself*. ¹⁰ The adversary hath spread out his hand upon all her *pleasant things: Or, desirable. for she hath seen *that* the heathen entered into her sanctuary, whom thou didst command *that* they should not enter into thy congregation. ¹¹ All her people sigh, they seek bread; they have given their pleasant things for meat *to re- Or, to make the soul to come again. lieve the soul: see, O LORD, and consider; for I am become vile.

¹² * *Is it* nothing to you, all ye that *pass Or, It is nothing. Heb. pass by the way. by? behold, and see if there be any sorrow like unto my sorrow, which is done unto me, where-with the LORD hath afflicted *me* in the day of his fierce anger. ¹³ From above hath he sent fire into my bones, and it prevaieth against them: he hath spread a net for my feet, he hath turned me back: he hath made me desolate *and* faint all the day. ¹⁴ The yoke of my transgressions is bound by his hand: they are wreathed, *and* come up upon my neck: he hath made my strength to fall, the LORD hath delivered me into *their* hands, *from whom* I am not able to rise up. ¹⁵ The LORD hath trodden

under foot all my mighty *men* in the midst of me: he hath called an assembly against me to crush my young men: the LORD hath trodden *the Or, the winepress of the virgin, &c. virgin, the daughter of Judah, *as* in a winepress.

¹⁶ For these *things* I weep; mine eye, mine eye runneth down with water, because the comforter that should *relieve my soul is far from Heb. bring back. me: my children are desolate, because the enemy prevailed.

¹⁷ Zion spreadeth forth her hands, *and there is* none to comfort her: the LORD hath commanded concerning Jacob, *that* his adversaries *should be* round about him: Jerusalem is as a menstruous woman among them. ¹⁸ The LORD is righteous: for I have rebelled against his *commandment: Heb. mouth. hear, I pray you, all people, and behold my sorrow: my virgins and my young men are gone into captivity. ¹⁹ I called for my lovers, *but* they deceived me: my priests and mine elders gave up the ghost in the city, while they sought their meat to relieve their souls.

²⁰ Behold, O LORD; for I *am* in distress: my bowels are troubled; mine heart is turned within me; for I have grievously rebelled: abroad the sword bereaveth, at home *there is* as death. ²¹ They have heard that I sigh: *there is* none to comfort me: all mine enemies have heard of my trouble; they are glad that thou hast done *it*: thou wilt bring the day *that* thou hast *called, and they Or, proclaimed. shall be like unto me. ²² Let all their wickedness come before thee; and do unto them, as thou hast done unto me for all my transgressions: for my sighs *are* many, and my heart *is* faint.

II. How hath the LORD covered the daughter of Zion with a cloud in his anger, *and* cast down from

heaven unto the earth the beauty of Israel, and remembered not his footstool in the day of his anger!

² The Lord hath swallowed up all the habitations of Jacob, and hath not pitied: he hath thrown down in his wrath the strong holds of the daughter of Judah; he hath *brought *them* down to the ^{Heb. made to touch.} ground: he hath polluted the kingdom and the princes thereof. ³ He hath cut off in *his* fierce anger all the horn of Israel: he hath drawn back his right hand from before the enemy, and he burned against Jacob like a flaming fire, *which* devoureth round about. ⁴ He hath bent his bow like an enemy: he stood with his right hand as an adversary, and slew *all *that were* ^{Heb. all the desirable of the eye.} pleasant to the eye in the tabernacle of the daughter of Zion: he poured out his fury like fire.

⁵ The Lord was as an enemy: he hath swallowed up Israel, he hath swallowed up all her palaces: he hath destroyed his strong holds, and hath increased in the daughter of Judah mourning and lamentation. ⁶ And he hath violently taken away his *tabernacle, as *if it were of* a garden: he ^{Or, hedge.} hath destroyed his places of the assembly: the LORD hath caused the solemn feasts and sabbaths to be forgotten in Zion, and hath despised in the indignation of his anger the king and the priest. ⁷ The Lord hath cast off his altar, he hath abhorred his sanctuary, he hath *given up into the ^{Heb. shut up.} hand of the enemy the walls of her palaces; they have made a noise in the house of the LORD, as in the day of a solemn feast.

⁸ The LORD hath purposed to destroy the wall of the daughter of Zion: he hath stretched out a line, he hath not withdrawn his hand from *de- ^{Heb. swallowing up.}

stroying: therefore he made the rampart and the wall to lament; they languished together. ⁹ Her gates are sunk into the ground; he hath destroyed and broken her bars: her king and her princes *are* among the Gentiles; the law *is no more*; her prophets also find no vision from the LORD.

¹⁰ The elders of the daughter of Zion sit upon the ground, *and* keep silence: they have cast up dust upon their heads: they have girded themselves with sackcloth: the virgins of Jerusalem hang down their heads to the ground.

¹¹ Mine eyes do fail with tears, my bowels are troubled, my liver is poured upon the earth, for the destruction of the daughter of my people; because the children and the sucklings ^{*}swoon in the *Or, faint.* streets of the city. ¹² They say to their mothers, Where *is* corn and wine? when they swooned as the wounded in the streets of the city, when their soul was poured out into their mothers' bosom.

¹³ What thing shall I take to witness for thee? what thing shall I liken to thee, O daughter of Jerusalem? what shall I equal to thee, that I may comfort thee, O virgin daughter of Zion? for thy breach *is* great like the sea: who can heal thee?

¹⁴ Thy prophets have seen vain and foolish things for thee: and they have not discovered thine iniquity, to turn away thy captivity; but have seen for thee false burdens and causes of banishment.

¹⁵ All that pass ^{*}by clap *their* hands at thee; ^{Heb. by the way.} they hiss and wag their head at the daughter of Jerusalem, *saying*, Is this the city that *men* call The perfection of beauty, The joy of the whole earth? ¹⁶ All thine enemies have opened their mouth against thee: they hiss and gnash the teeth: they say, We have swallowed *her* up: cer-

tainly this *is* the day that we looked for: we have found, we have seen *it*.

¹⁷ The LORD hath done *that* which he hath devised; he hath fulfilled his word that he had commanded in the days of old: he hath thrown down, and hath not pitied: and he hath caused *thine* enemy to rejoice over thee, he hath set up the horn of thine adversaries. ¹⁸ Their heart cried unto the Lord, O wall of the daughter of Zion, let tears run down like a river day and night: give thyself no rest; let not the apple of thine eye cease. ¹⁹ Arise, cry out in the night: in the beginning of the watches pour out thine heart like water before the face of the Lord; lift up thy hands toward him for the life of thy young children, that faint for hunger in the top of every street.

²⁰ Behold, O LORD, and consider to whom thou hast done this. Shall the women eat their fruit, *and* children * of a span long? shall the ^{Or, swaddled with their hands.} priest and the prophet be slain in the sanctuary of the LORD? ²¹ The young and the old lie on the ground in the streets: my virgins and my young men are fallen by the sword; thou hast slain *them* in the day of thine anger; thou hast killed, *and* not pitied. ²² Thou hast called as in a solemn day my terrors round about, so that in the day of the LORD's anger none escaped nor remained: those that I have swaddled and brought up hath mine enemy consumed.

III. I *AM* the man *that* hath seen affliction by the rod of his wrath. ² He hath led me, and brought *me into* darkness, but not *into* light. ³ Surely against me is he turned; he turneth his hand *against me* all the day. ⁴ My flesh and my skin

hath he made old; he hath broken my bones.
⁵ He hath builded against me, and compassed *me*
 with gall and travel. ⁶ He hath set me in dark
 places, as *they that be* dead of old. ⁷ He hath
 hedged me about, that I cannot get out; he hath
 made my chain heavy. ⁸ Also when I cry and
 shout, he shutteth out my prayer.

⁹ He hath inclosed my ways with hewn stone, he hath
 made my paths crooked. ¹⁰ He *was* unto me *as a*
 bear lying in wait, *and as a lion* in secret places.
¹¹ He hath turned aside my ways, and pulled me
 in pieces: he hath made me desolate. ¹² He hath
 bent his bow, and set me as a mark for the arrow.
¹³ He hath caused the ^{*}arrows of his quiver Heb. sons.
 to enter into my reins.

¹⁴ I was a derision to all my people; *and* their song
 all the day. ¹⁵ He hath filled me with ^{*}bit- Heb. bitter-
nesses.
 terness, he hath made me drunken with worm-
 wood. ¹⁶ He hath also broken my teeth with gravel
 stones, he hath ^{*}covered me with ashes. Or, rolled me
in the ashes.
¹⁷ And thou hast removed my soul far off from
 peace: I forgot ^{*}prosperity. ¹⁸ And I said, Heb. good.
 My strength and my hope is perished from the
 LORD: ¹⁹ ^{*}remembering mine affliction and Or, remem-
ber.
 my misery, the wormwood and the gall. ²⁰ My
 soul hath *them* still in remembrance, and is
^{*}humbled in me. Heb. bowed.

²¹ This I ^{*}recall to my mind, therefore have Heb. make to return
to my heart.
 I hope.

²² *It is of* the LORD's mercies that we are not con-
 sumed, because his compassions fail not. ²³ *They*
are new every morning: great is thy faithfulness.

²⁴ The LORD *is* my portion, saith my soul; therefore
 will I hope in him. ²⁵ The LORD is good unto
 them that wait for him, to the soul *that* seeketh

him. ²⁶*It is good that a man should both hope and quietly wait for the salvation of the LORD.*

²⁷*It is good for a man that he bear the yoke in his youth.* ²⁸He sitteth alone and keepeth silence, because he hath borne *it* upon him. ²⁹He putteth his mouth in the dust; if so be there may be hope. ³⁰He giveth *his* cheek to him that smiteth him: he is filled full with reproach.

³¹For the LORD will not cast off for ever: ³²but though he cause grief, yet will he have compassion according to the multitude of his mercies. ³³For he doth not afflict *willingly, nor ^{Heb. from his heart.} grieve the children of men.

³⁴To crush under his feet all the prisoners of the earth, ³⁵to turn aside the right of a man before the face of *the most High, ³⁶to subvert a man ^{Or, a superior.} in his cause, the LORD *approveth not. ^{Heb. seeth not.}

³⁷Who *is* he *that* saith, and it cometh to pass, *when* the LORD commandeth *it* not? ³⁸Out of the mouth of the most High proceedeth not evil and good?

³⁹Wherefore doth a living man *complain, a ^{Or, murmur.} man for the punishment of his sins?

⁴⁰Let us search and try our ways, and turn again to the LORD. ⁴¹Let us lift up our heart with *our* hands unto God in the heavens. ⁴²We have transgressed and have rebelled: thou hast not pardoned. ⁴³Thou hast covered with anger, and persecuted us: thou hast slain, thou hast not pitied. ⁴⁴Thou hast covered thyself with a cloud, that *our* prayer should not pass through. ⁴⁵Thou hast made us *as* the offscouring and refuse in the midst of the people. ⁴⁶All our enemies have opened their mouths against us. ⁴⁷Fear and a snare is come upon us, desolation and destruction.

⁴⁸Mine eye runneth down with rivers of water for

the destruction of the daughter of my people.

⁴⁹ Mine eye trickleth down, and ceaseth not, without any intermission, ⁵⁰ till the LORD look down, and behold from heaven. ⁵¹ Mine eye affecteth *mine heart *because of all the daugh- ^{Heb. my soul.}
Or, *more than all.*
ters of my city.

⁵² Mine enemies chased me sore, like a bird, without cause. ⁵³ They have cut off my life in the dungeon, and cast a stone upon me. ⁵⁴ Waters flowed over mine head; *then* I said, I am cut off.

⁵⁵ I called upon thy name, O LORD, out of the low dungeon. ⁵⁶ Thou hast heard my voice: hide not thine ear at my breathing, at my cry. ⁵⁷ Thou drewest near in the day *that* I called upon thee: thou saidst, Fear not. ⁵⁸ O LORD, thou hast pleaded the causes of my soul; thou hast redeemed my life.

⁵⁹ O LORD, thou hast seen my wrong: judge thou my cause. ⁶⁰ Thou hast seen all their vengeance *and* all their imaginations against me. ⁶¹ Thou hast heard their reproach, O LORD, *and* all their imaginations against me; ⁶² the lips of those that rose up against me, and their device against me all the day. ⁶³ Behold their sitting down, and their rising up; I *am* their musick. ⁶⁴ Render unto them a recompence, O LORD, according to the work of their hands. ⁶⁵ Give them *sorrow of heart, thy ^{Or, obstinacy of heart.}
curse unto them. ⁶⁶ Persecute and destroy them in anger from under the heavens of the LORD.

IV. How is the gold become dim! *how* is the most fine gold changed! the stones of the sanctuary are poured out in the top of every street. ² The precious sons of Zion, comparable to fine gold, how are they esteemed as earthen pitchers, the work of the hands of the potter!

⁵ Even the * sea monsters draw out the breast, *Or, sea calves.* they give suck to their young ones: the daughter of my people *is become* cruel, like the ostriches in the wilderness. ⁴ The tongue of the sucking child cleaveth to the roof of his mouth for thirst: the young children ask bread, *and* no man breaketh *it* unto them. ⁵ They that did feed delicately are desolate in the streets: they that were brought up in scarlet embrace dunghills.

⁶ For the * punishment of the iniquity of the *Or, iniquity.* daughter of my people is greater than the punishment of the sin of Sodom, that was overthrown as in a moment, and no hands stayed on her. ⁷ Her Nazarites were purer than snow, they were whiter than milk, they were more ruddy in body than rubies, their polishing *was* of sapphire: ⁸ their visage is * blacker than a coal; they are not known ^{Heb. darker than blackness.} in the streets: their skin cleaveth to their bones; it is withered, it is become like a stick. ⁹ *They that be* slain with the sword are better than *they that be* slain with hunger: for these * pine away, ^{Heb. flow out.} stricken through for *want of* the fruits of the field. ¹⁰ The hands of the pitiful women have sodden their own children: they were their meat in the destruction of the daughter of my people.

¹¹ The LORD hath accomplished his fury; he hath poured out his fierce anger, and hath kindled a fire in Zion, and it hath devoured the foundations thereof. ¹² The kings of the earth, and all the inhabitants of the world, would not have believed that the adversary and the enemy should have entered into the gates of Jerusalem. ¹³ For the sins of her prophets, *and* the iniquities of her priests, that have shed the blood of the just in the midst of her, ¹⁴ they have wandered *as blind men* in the streets,

they have polluted themselves with blood, *so that men could not touch their garments. Or, in that they could not but touch.

¹⁵ They cried unto them, Depart ye; **it is* Or, ye polluted. unclean; depart, depart, touch not: when they fled away and wandered, they said among the heathen, They shall no more sojourn *there*. ¹⁶ The *anger of the LORD hath divided them; he will no Or, face. more regard them: they respected not the persons of the priests, they favoured not the elders.

¹⁷ As for us, our eyes as yet failed for our vain help: in our watching we have watched for a nation *that* could not save *us*. ¹⁸ They hunt our steps, that we cannot go in our streets: our end is near, our days are fulfilled; for our end is come. ¹⁹ Our persecutors are swifter than the eagles of the heaven: they pursued us upon the mountains, they laid wait for us in the wilderness. ²⁰ The breath of our nostrils, the anointed of the LORD, was taken in their pits, of whom we said, Under his shadow we shall live among the heathen.

²¹ Rejoice and be glad, O daughter of Edom, that dwellest in the land of Uz; the cup also shall pass through unto thee: thou shalt be drunken, and shalt make thyself naked. ²² *The punish- Or, Thine iniquity. ment of thine iniquity is accomplished, O daughter of Zion; he will no more carry thee away into captivity: he will visit thine iniquity, O daughter of Edom; he will *discover thy sins. Or, carry thee captive for thy sins.

V. REMEMBER, O LORD, what is come upon us: consider, and behold our reproach. ² Our inheritance is turned to strangers, our houses to aliens.

³ We are orphans and fatherless, our mothers *are* as widows. ⁴ We have drunken our water for money; our wood *is sold unto us. ⁵ *Our necks Heb. cometh for price. Heb. On our necks are we persecuted. *are* under persecution: we labour, *and*

have no rest. ⁶We have given the hand *to* the Egyptians, *and to* the Assyrians, to be satisfied with bread.

⁷Our fathers have sinned, *and are* not; and we have borne their iniquities. ⁸Servants have ruled over us: *there is* none that doth deliver *us* out of their hand. ⁹We gat our bread with *the peril of* our lives because of the sword of the wilderness.

¹⁰Our skin was black like an oven because of the
*terrible famine. Or, terrors.
or, storms.

¹¹They ravished the women in Zion, *and* the maids in the cities of Judah. ¹²Princes are hanged up by their hand: the faces of elders were not honoured.

¹³They took the young men to grind, and the children fell under the wood. ¹⁴The elders have ceased from the gate, the young men from their musick. ¹⁵The joy of our heart is ceased; our dance is turned into mourning.

¹⁶* The crown is fallen *from* our head: woe Heb. The crown of
our head is fallen.
unto us, that we have sinned! ¹⁷For this our heart is faint; for these *things* our eyes are dim.

¹⁸Because of the mountain of Zion, which is desolate, the foxes walk upon it.

¹⁹Thou, O LORD, remainest for ever; thy throne from generation to generation. ²⁰Wherefore dost thou forget us for ever, *and* forsake us *so Heb. for length
of days.
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²²* But thou hast utterly rejected us; Or, For wilt thou
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THE BOOK OF EZEKIEL.



EZEKIEL was one of the captives taken by Nebuchadnezzar with king Jehoiachin, B.C. 599. His prophetic commission began in the fifth year of his captivity. He was at the time settled near the river Chebar in northern Mesopotamia; and it is probable he there continued during the remainder of his life.

The prophets Jeremiah, Daniel, and Habakkuk were contemporary with Ezekiel.

There is a considerable similarity between the prophecies of Ezekiel and Jeremiah. In both the Jews are warned abundantly of the speedy outpouring of God's judgments on the land, and in both there is the same manifestation of the longsuffering and gracious purposes of a covenant-keeping God.

Ezekiel's prophecies abound in symbolic visions, and the study of their true signification may well engage our closest attention. The numerous figures used by the prophet present the truths he was employed to communicate in varied and striking lights.

The Spirit of God, in revealing this portion of the divine word, apparently seeks by this variety of illustration to engage the earnest and devout attention of those whose hearts are awakened to a consideration of things to come.

In the study of this book, we need but notice the preciseness of the details of those prophecies which relate to the expected restoration of Israel and the Temple, to conclude that the events to which these descriptions refer are as yet future, and are consequently as much matters to be looked forward to and waited for by ourselves as by God's ancient people.

In the map which accompanies, the attempt is made to illustrate the rearrangement of the land among the tribes as described in the last chapters.

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I. Now it came to pass in the thirtieth year, in the fourth *month*, in the fifth *day* of the month, as I *was* among the *captives by the river of Chebar, Heb. captivity. *that* the heavens were opened, and I saw visions of God. ²In the fifth *day* of the month, which *was* the fifth year of king Jehoiachin's captivity, ³the word of the LORD came expressly unto *Ezekiel the Heb. Jehezkel. priest, the son of Buzi, in the land of the Chaldeans by the river Chebar; and the hand of the LORD was there upon him.

⁴And I looked, and, behold, a whirlwind came out of the north, a great cloud, and a fire *infol- Heb. catching itself. ding itself, and a brightness *was* about it, and out of the midst thereof as the colour of amber, out of the midst of the fire.

⁵Also out of the midst thereof *came* the likeness of four living creatures. And this *was* their appearance; they had the likeness of a man. ⁶And every one had four faces, and every one had four wings. ⁷And their feet *were* *straight feet; the sole of their feet Heb. a straight foot. *was* like the sole of a calf's foot: and they sparkled like the colour of burnished brass. ⁸And *they had* the hands of a man under their wings on their four sides;

and they four had their faces and their wings. ⁹Their wings *were* joined one to another; they turned not when they went; they went every one straight forward. ¹⁰As for the likeness of their faces, they four had the face of a man, and the face of a lion, on the right side: and they four had the face of an ox on the left side; they four also had the face of an eagle. ¹¹Thus *were* their faces: and their wings *were* *stretched upward; two *wings* of every one ^{Or, divided above.} *were* joined one to another, and two covered their bodies. ¹²And they went every one straight forward: whither the spirit was to go, they went; *and* they turned not when they went. ¹³As for the likeness of the living creatures, their appearance *was* like burning coals of fire, *and* like the appearance of lamps: it went up and down among the living creatures; and the fire was bright, and out of the fire went forth lightning. ¹⁴And the living creatures ran and returned as the appearance of a flash of lightning.

¹⁵Now as I beheld the living creatures, behold one wheel upon the earth by the living creatures, with his four faces. ¹⁶The appearance of the wheels and their work *was* like unto the colour of a beryl: and they four had one likeness: and their appearance and their work *was* as it were a wheel in the middle of a wheel. ¹⁷When they went, they went upon their four sides: *and* they turned not when they went. ¹⁸As for their rings, they were so high that they were dreadful; and their *rings *were* full of eyes round about ^{Or, strakes.} them four.

¹⁹And when the living creatures went, the wheels went by them: and when the living creatures were lifted up from the earth, the wheels were lifted up. ²⁰Whithersoever the spirit was to go, they went, thither *was* their spirit to go; and the wheels were

lifted up over against them: for the spirit * of or, *of life*. the living creature *was* in the wheels. ²¹ When those went, *these* went; and when those stood, *these* stood; and when those were lifted up from the earth, the wheels were lifted up over against them: for the spirit * of the living creature *was* in the wheels. Or, *of life*.

²² And the likeness of the firmament upon the heads of the living creature *was* as the colour of the terrible crystal, stretched forth over their heads above. ²³ And under the firmament *were* their wings straight, the one toward the other: every one had two, which covered on this side, and every one had two, which covered on that side, their bodies. ²⁴ And when they went, I heard the noise of their wings, like the noise of great waters, as the voice of the Almighty, the voice of speech, as the noise of an host: when they stood, they let down their wings. ²⁵ And there was a voice from the firmament that *was* over their heads, when they stood, *and* had let down their wings.

²⁶ And above the firmament that *was* over their heads *was* the likeness of a throne, as the appearance of a sapphire stone: and upon the likeness of the throne *was* the likeness as the appearance of a man above upon it. ²⁷ And I saw as the colour of amber, as the appearance of fire round about within it, from the appearance of his loins even upward, and from the appearance of his loins even downward, I saw as it were the appearance of fire, and it had brightness round about. ²⁸ As the appearance of the bow that is in the cloud in the day of rain, so *was* the appearance of the brightness round about. This *was* the appearance of the likeness of the glory of the Lord. And when I saw *it*, I fell upon my face, and I heard a voice of one that spake.

II. AND he said unto me, Son of man, stand upon

thy feet, and I will speak unto thee. ²And the spirit entered into me when he spake unto me, and set me upon my feet, that I heard him that spake unto me.

³And he said unto me, Son of man, I send thee to the children of Israel, to a rebellious ^{*nation} Heb. nations. that hath rebelled against me: they and their fathers have transgressed against me, *even* unto this very day.

⁴For *they are* ^{*impudent} children and stiff-^{Heb. hard of face.} hearted: I do send thee unto them; and thou shalt say unto them, Thus saith the Lord God. ⁵And they, whether they will hear, or whether they will forbear, (for they *are* a rebellious house,) yet shall know that there hath been a prophet among them.

⁶And thou, son of man, be not afraid of them, neither be afraid of their words, though ^{*briers} Or, rebels. and thorns *be* with thee, and thou dost dwell among scorpions: be not afraid of their words, nor be dismayed at their looks, though they *be* a rebellious house. ⁷And thou shalt speak my words unto them, whether they will hear, or whether they will forbear: for they *are* ^{*most} rebellious. ⁸But thou, Heb. rebellion. son of man, hear what I say unto thee: Be not thou rebellious like that rebellious house: open thy mouth, and eat that I give thee.

⁹And when I looked, behold, an hand *was* sent unto me; and, lo, a roll of a book *was* therein; ¹⁰and he spread it before me: and it *was* written within and without: and *there was* written therein lamentations, and mourning, and woe.

III. Moreover he said unto me, Son of man, eat that thou findest; eat this roll, and go speak unto the house of Israel. ²So I opened my mouth, and he caused me to eat that roll.

³And he said unto me, Son of man, cause thy belly to eat, and fill thy bowels with this roll that I give

thee. Then did I eat *it*; and it was in my mouth as honey for sweetness.

⁴And he said unto me, Son of man, go, get thee unto the house of Israel, and speak with my words unto them. ⁵For thou *art* not sent to a people ^{*}of a strange speech and of an hard language, ^{Heb. deep of lip, and heavy of tongue.} *but* to the house of Israel; ⁶not to many people ^{*}of a strange speech and of an hard language, ^{Heb. deep of lip, and heavy of language.} whose words thou canst not understand. ^{*}Surely, had I sent thee to them, they would have ^{Or, If I had sent thee, &c., would they not have hearkened unto thee?} hearkened unto thee. ⁷But the house of Israel will not hearken unto thee; for they will not hearken unto me: for all the house of Israel *are* ^{*}impudent and hardhearted. ⁸Behold, ^{Heb. stiff of forehead, and hard of heart.} I have made thy face strong against their faces, and thy forehead strong against their foreheads. ⁹As an adamant harder than flint have I made thy forehead: fear them not, neither be dismayed at their looks, though they *be* a rebellious house.

¹⁰Moreover he said unto me, Son of man, all my words that I shall speak unto thee receive in thine heart, and hear with thine ears. ¹¹And go, get thee to them of the captivity, unto the children of thy people, and speak unto them, and tell them, Thus saith the Lord God; whether they will hear, or whether they will forbear.

¹²Then the spirit took me up, and I heard behind me a voice of a great rushing, *saying*, Blessed *be* the glory of the LORD from his place. ¹³*I heard* also the noise of the wings of the living creatures that ^{*}touched one another, and the noise of the wheels over ^{Heb. kissed.} against them, and a noise of a great rushing. ¹⁴So the spirit lifted me up, and took me away, and I went ^{*}in bitterness, in the ^{*}heat of my spirit; but ^{Heb. bitter. Heb. hot anger.} the hand of the LORD was strong upon me.

¹⁵Then I came to them of the captivity at Tel-abib, that dwelt by the river of Chebar, and I sat where they sat, and remained there astonished among them seven days.

¹⁶And it came to pass at the end of seven days, that the word of the LORD came unto me, saying, ¹⁷Son of man, I have made thee a watchman unto the house of Israel: therefore hear the word at my mouth, and give them warning from me. ¹⁸When I say unto the wicked, Thou shalt surely die; and thou givest him not warning, nor speakest to warn the wicked from his wicked way, to save his life; the same wicked *man* shall die in his iniquity; but his blood will I require at thine hand. ¹⁹Yet if thou warn the wicked, and he turn not from his wickedness, nor from his wicked way, he shall die in his iniquity; but thou hast delivered thy soul.

²⁰Again, when a righteous *man* doth turn from his *righteousness, and commit iniquity, and I lay ^{Heb. righteousnesses.} a stumblingblock before him, he shall die: because thou hast not given him warning, he shall die in his sin, and his righteousness which he hath done shall not be remembered; but his blood will I require at thine hand. ²¹Nevertheless if thou warn the righteous *man*, that the righteous sin not, and he doth not sin, he shall surely live, because he is warned; also thou hast delivered thy soul.

²²AND the hand of the LORD was there upon me; and he said unto me, Arise, go forth into the plain, and I will there talk with thee. ²³Then I arose, and went forth into the plain: and, behold, the glory of the LORD stood there, as the glory which I saw by the river of Chebar: and I fell on my face. ²⁴Then the spirit entered into me, and set me upon my feet, and spake with me, and said unto me, Go, shut thyself

within thine house. ²⁵But thou, O son of man, behold, they shall put bands upon thee, and shall bind thee with them, and thou shalt not go out among them: ²⁶and I will make thy tongue cleave to the roof of thy mouth, that thou shalt be dumb, and shalt not be to them ^{*}a reprov^{er}: for they *are* a rebellious ^{Heb. a man reproving.} house. ²⁷But when I speak with thee, I will open thy mouth, and thou shalt say unto them, Thus saith the Lord God; He that heareth, let him hear; and he that forbear^{eth}, let him forbear: for they *are* a rebellious house.

IV. Thou also, son of man, take thee a tile, and lay it before thee, and pourtray upon it the city, *even* Jerusalem: ²and lay siege against it, and build a fort against it, and cast a mount against it; set the camp also against it, and set ^{*}battering rams against it ^{Or, chief leaders.} round about. ³Moreover take thou unto thee ^{*}an iron pan, and set it *for* a wall of iron between thee ^{Or, a flat plate, or, slice.} and the city: and set thy face against it, and it shall be besieged, and thou shalt lay siege against it. This *shall be* a sign to the house of Israel.

⁴Lie thou also upon thy left side, and lay the iniquity of the house of Israel upon it: *according* to the number of the days that thou shalt lie upon it thou shalt bear their iniquity. ⁵For I have laid upon thee the years of their iniquity, according to the number of the days, three hundred and ninety days: so shalt thou bear the iniquity of the house of Israel. ⁶And when thou hast accomplished them, lie again on thy right side, and thou shalt bear the iniquity of the house of Judah forty days: I have appointed thee ^{*}each day for a year. ^{Heb. a day for a year, a day for a year.}

⁷Therefore thou shalt set thy face toward the siege of Jerusalem, and thine arm *shall be* uncovered, and thou shalt prophesy against it. ⁸And, behold, I will

lay bands upon thee, and thou shalt not turn thee
 *from one side to another, till thou hast <sup>Heb. from thy side
to thy side.</sup> ended the days of thy siege.

⁹Take thou also unto thee wheat, and barley, and beans, and lentiles, and millet, and *fitches, and ^{or, spelt.} put them in one vessel, and make thee bread thereof, *according* to the number of the days that thou shalt lie upon thy side, three hundred and ninety days shalt thou eat thereof. ¹⁰And thy meat which thou shalt eat *shall be* by weight, twenty shekels a day: from time to time shalt thou eat it. ¹¹Thou shalt drink also water by measure, the sixth part of an hin: from time to time shalt thou drink. ¹²And thou shalt eat it *as* barley cakes, and thou shalt bake it with dung that cometh out of man, in their sight.

¹³And the LORD said, Even thus shall the children of Israel eat their defiled bread among the Gentiles, whither I will drive them.

¹⁴Then said I, Ah Lord God! behold, my soul hath not been polluted: for from my youth up even till now have I not eaten of that which dieth of itself, or is torn in pieces; neither came there abominable flesh into my mouth.

¹⁵Then he said unto me, Lo, I have given thee cow's dung for man's dung, and thou shalt prepare thy bread therewith.

¹⁶Moreover he said unto me, Son of man, behold, I will break the staff of bread in Jerusalem: and they shall eat bread by weight, and with care; and they shall drink water by measure, and with astonishment:
¹⁷that they may want bread and water, and be astonished one with another, and consume away for their iniquity.

V. And thou, son of man, take thee a sharp knife, take thee a barber's razor, and cause *it* to pass upon thine head and upon thy beard: then take thee balances

to weigh, and divide the *hair*. ²Thou shalt burn with fire a third part in the midst of the city, when the days of the siege are fulfilled: and thou shalt take a third part, *and* smite about it with a knife: and a third part thou shalt scatter in the wind; and I will draw out a sword after them. ³Thou shalt also take thereof a few in number, and bind them in thy ^{*}skirts. *Heb. wings.* ⁴Then take of them again, and cast them into the midst of the fire, and burn them in the fire; *for* thereof shall a fire come forth into all the house of Israel.

⁵Thus saith the Lord God, This *is* Jerusalem: I have set it in the midst of the nations and countries *that are* round about her. ⁶And she hath changed my judgments into wickedness more than the nations, and my statutes more than the countries that *are* round about her: for they have refused my judgments and my statutes, they have not walked in them. ⁷Therefore thus saith the Lord God; Because ye multiplied more than the nations that *are* round about you, *and* have not walked in my statutes, neither have kept my judgments, neither have done according to the judgments of the nations that *are* round about you; ⁸therefore thus saith the Lord God; Behold, I, even I, *am* against thee, and will execute judgments in the midst of thee in the sight of the nations. ⁹And I will do in thee that which I have not done, and whereunto I will not do any more the like, because of all thine abominations. ¹⁰Therefore the fathers shall eat the sons in the midst of thee, and the sons shall eat their fathers; and I will execute judgments in thee, and the whole remnant of thee will I scatter into all the winds.

¹¹Wherefore, *as* I live, saith the Lord God; Surely,

because thou hast defiled my sanctuary with all thy detestable things, and with all thine abominations, therefore will I also diminish *thee*; neither shall mine eye spare, neither will I have any pity.

¹² A third part of thee shall die with the pestilence, and with famine shall they be consumed in the midst of thee: and a third part shall fall by the sword round about thee, and I will scatter a third part into all the winds, and I will draw out a sword after them. ¹³ Thus shall mine anger be accomplished, and I will cause my fury to rest upon them, and I will be comforted: and they shall know that I the LORD have spoken *it* in my zeal, when I have accomplished my fury in them.

¹⁴ Moreover I will make thee waste, and a reproach among the nations that *are* round about thee, in the sight of all that pass by. ¹⁵ So it shall be a reproach and a taunt, an instruction and an astonishment unto the nations that *are* round about thee, when I shall execute judgments in thee in anger and in fury and in furious rebukes. I the LORD have spoken *it*. ¹⁶ When I shall send upon them the evil arrows of famine, which shall be for *their* destruction, *and* which I will send to destroy you: and I will increase the famine upon you, and will break your staff of bread: ¹⁷ so will I send upon you famine and evil beasts, and they shall bereave thee; and pestilence and blood shall pass through thee; and I will bring the sword upon thee. I the LORD have spoken *it*.

VI. And the word of the LORD came unto me, saying, ² Son of man, set thy face toward the mountains of Israel, and prophesy against them, ³ and say,

Ye mountains of Israel, hear the word of the Lord

God; Thus saith the Lord God to the mountains, and to the hills, to the rivers, and to the valleys; Behold, I, *even* I, will bring a sword upon you, and I will destroy your high places. ⁴ And your altars shall be desolate, and your *images *Or, sun images.* shall be broken: and I will cast down your slain *men* before your idols. ⁵ And I will *lay the *Heb. give.* dead carcases of the children of Israel before their idols; and I will scatter your bones round about your altars. ⁶ In all your dwelling places the cities shall be laid waste, and the high places shall be desolate; that your altars may be laid waste and made desolate, and your idols may be broken and cease, and your images may be cut down, and your works may be abolished. ⁷ And the slain shall fall in the midst of you, and ye shall know that I *am* the LORD.

⁸ Yet will I leave a remnant, that ye may have *some* that shall escape the sword among the nations, when ye shall be scattered through the countries. ⁹ And they that escape of you shall remember me among the nations whither they shall be carried captives, because I am broken with their whorish heart, which hath departed from me, and with their eyes, which go a whoring after their idols: and they shall lothe themselves for the evil which they have committed in all their abominations. ¹⁰ And they shall know that I *am* the LORD, *and that* I have not said in vain that I would do this evil unto them.

¹¹ Thus saith the Lord God; Smite with thine hand, and stamp with thy foot, and say, Alas for all the evil abominations of the house of Israel! for they shall fall by the sword, by the famine, and by the pestilence. ¹² He that is far off shall die of the pestilence; and he that is near shall fall by the

sword; and he that remaineth and is besieged shall die by the famine: thus will I accomplish my fury upon them.

¹³Then shall ye know that I *am* the LORD, when their slain *men* shall be among their idols round about their altars, upon every high hill, in all the tops of the mountains, and under every green tree, and under every thick oak, the place where they did offer sweet savour to all their idols. ¹⁴So will I stretch out my hand upon them, and make the land desolate, yea, *more desolate than ^{Or, desolate from the wilderness.} the wilderness toward Diblath, in all their habitations: and they shall know that I *am* the LORD.

VII. Moreover the word of the LORD came unto me, saying, ²Also, thou son of man, thus saith the Lord God unto the land of Israel;

An end, the end is come upon the four corners of the land. ³Now *is* the end *come* upon thee, and I will send mine anger upon thee, and will judge thee according to thy ways, and will *re- ^{Heb. give.}compense upon thee all thine abominations. ⁴And mine eye shall not spare thee, neither will I have pity: but I will recompense thy ways upon thee, and thine abominations shall be in the midst of thee: and ye shall know that I *am* the LORD.

⁵Thus saith the Lord God; An evil, an only evil, behold, is come. ⁶An end is come, the end is come: it *watcheth for thee; behold, it is ^{Heb. awaketh against thee.} come. ⁷The morning is come unto thee, O thou that dwellest in the land: the time is come, the day of trouble *is* near, and not the *sound- ^{Or, echo.}ing again of the mountains. ⁸Now will I shortly pour out my fury upon thee, and accomplish mine anger upon thee: and I will judge thee according

to thy ways, and will recompense thee for all thine abominations. ⁹And mine eye shall not spare, neither will I have pity: I will recompense *thee according to thy ways and thine abomi- Heb. upon thee. nations *that* are in the midst of thee; and ye shall know that I *am* the LORD that smiteth.

¹⁰ Behold the day, behold, it is come: the morning is gone forth; the rod hath blossomed, pride hath budded. ¹¹Violence is risen up into a rod of wickedness: none of them *shall remain*, nor of their *multitude, nor of any of *their's: Or, tumult. Or, their tumultuous persons. neither *shall there be* wailing for them. ¹²The time is come, the day draweth near: let not the buyer rejoice, nor the seller mourn: for wrath *is* upon all the multitude thereof. ¹³For the seller shall not return to that which is sold, *although Heb. though their life were yet among the living. they were yet alive: for the vision *is* touching the whole multitude thereof, *which* shall not return; neither shall any strengthen himself *in *the iniquity of his life. ¹⁴They Or, whose life is in his iniquity. Heb. his iniquity. have blown the trumpet, even to make all ready; but none goeth to the battle: for my wrath *is* upon all the multitude thereof. ¹⁵The sword *is* without, and the pestilence and the famine within: he that *is* in the field shall die with the sword; and he that *is* in the city, famine and pestilence shall devour him.

¹⁶ But they that escape of them shall escape, and shall be on the mountains like doves of the valleys, all of them mourning every one for his iniquity. ¹⁷All hands shall be feeble, and all knees shall *be weak *as* water. ¹⁸They shall also gird Heb. go into water. *themselves* with sackcloth, and horror shall cover them; and shame *shall be* upon all faces, and baldness upon all their heads. ¹⁹They shall cast their

silver in the streets, and their gold shall be *removed: their silver and their gold ^{Heb. for a separation, or, uncleanness.} shall not be able to deliver them in the day of the wrath of the LORD: they shall not satisfy their souls, neither fill their bowels: *because ^{Or, because their iniquity is their stumblingblock.} it is the stumblingblock of their iniquity.

²⁰As for the beauty of his ornament, he set it in majesty: but they made the images of their abominations *and* of their detestable things therein: therefore have I *set it far from them. ^{Or, made it unto them an unclean thing.}

²¹And I will give it into the hands of the strangers for a prey, and to the wicked of the earth for a spoil; and they shall pollute it. ²²My face will I turn also from them, and they shall pollute my secret *place*: for the *robbers shall enter ^{Or, burglars.} into it, and defile it.

²³Make a chain, for the land is full of bloody crimes, and the city is full of violence. ²⁴Wherefore I will bring the worst of the heathen, and they shall possess their houses: I will also make the pomp of the strong to cease: and *their holy ^{Or, they shall inherit their holy places.} places shall be defiled. ²⁵*Destruction ^{Heb. Cutting off.} cometh; and they shall seek peace, and *there shall be none.* ²⁶Mischief shall come upon mischief, and rumour shall be upon rumour; then shall they seek a vision of the prophet; but the law shall perish from the priest, and counsel from the ancients. ²⁷The king shall mourn, and the prince shall be clothed with desolation, and the hands of the people of the land shall be troubled: I will do unto them after their way, and *according ^{Heb. with their judgments.} to their deserts will I judge them; and they shall know that I *am* the LORD.

VIII. AND it came to pass in the sixth year, in the

sixth *month*, in the fifth *day* of the month, *as* I sat in mine house, and the elders of Judah sat before me, that the hand of the Lord God fell there upon me.

² Then I beheld, and lo a likeness as the appearance of fire: from the appearance of his loins even downward, fire; and from his loins even upward, as the appearance of brightness, as the colour of amber.

³ And he put forth the form of an hand, and took me by a lock of mine head; and the spirit lifted me up between the earth and the heaven, and brought me in the visions of God to Jerusalem, to the door of the inner gate that looketh toward the north; where *was* the seat of the image of jealousy, which provoketh to jealousy. ⁴ And, behold, the glory of the God of Israel *was* there, according to the vision that I saw in the plain.

⁵ Then said he unto me, Son of man, lift up thine eyes now the way toward the north. So I lifted up mine eyes the way toward the north, and behold northward at the gate of the altar this image of jealousy in the entry.

⁶ He said furthermore unto me, Son of man, seest thou what they do? *even* the great abominations that the house of Israel committeth here, that I should go far off from my sanctuary? but turn thee yet again, *and* thou shalt see greater abominations.

⁷ And he brought me to the door of the court; and when I looked, behold a hole in the wall.

⁸ Then said he unto me, Son of man, dig now in the wall: and when I had digged in the wall, behold a door. ⁹ And he said unto me, Go in, and behold the wicked abominations that they do here. ¹⁰ So I went in and saw; and behold every form of creeping things, and abominable beasts, and all the idols of the house of Israel, pourtrayed upon the wall round about.

¹¹ And there stood before them seventy men of the ancients of the house of Israel, and in the midst of them stood Jaazaniah the son of Shaphan, with every man his censer in his hand; and a thick cloud of incense went up.

¹² Then said he unto me, Son of man, hast thou seen what the ancients of the house of Israel do in the dark, every man in the chambers of his imagery? for they say, The LORD seeth us not; the LORD hath forsaken the earth. ¹³ He said also unto me, Turn thee yet again, *and* thou shalt see greater abominations that they do.

¹⁴ Then he brought me to the door of the gate of the LORD's house which *was* toward the north; and, behold, there sat women weeping for Tammuz. ¹⁵ Then said he unto me, Hast thou seen *this*, O son of man? turn thee yet again, *and* thou shalt see greater abominations than these.

¹⁶ And he brought me into the inner court of the LORD's house, and, behold, at the door of the temple of the LORD, between the porch and the altar, *were* about five and twenty men, with their backs toward the temple of the LORD, and their faces toward the east; and they worshipped the sun toward the east.

¹⁷ Then he said unto me, Hast thou seen *this*, O son of man? *Is it a light thing to the house ^{Or, Is there any thing lighter than to commit.} of Judah that they commit the abominations which they commit here? for they have filled the land with violence, and have returned to provoke me to anger; and, lo, they put the branch to their nose. ¹⁸ Therefore will I also deal in fury: mine eyes shall not spare, neither will I have pity: and though they cry in mine ears with a loud voice, *yet* will I not hear them.

IX. He cried also in mine ears with a loud voice, saying, Cause them that have charge over the city

to draw near, even every man *with* his destroying weapon in his hand. ²And, behold, six men came from the way of the higher gate, ^{*}which lieth ^{Heb. which is turned.} toward the north, and every man ^{*}a slaughter ^{Heb. a weapon of his breaking in pieces.} weapon in his hand; and one man among them *was* clothed with linen, with a writer's inkhorn ^{*}by his side: and they went in, and stood beside ^{Heb. upon his loins.} the brasen altar. ³And the glory of the God of Israel was gone up from the cherub, whereupon he was, to the threshold of the house.

And he called to the man clothed with linen, which *had* the writer's inkhorn by his side; ⁴and the LORD said unto him, Go through the midst of the city, through the midst of Jerusalem, and ^{*}set a ^{Heb. mark a mark.} mark upon the foreheads of the men that sigh and that cry for all the abominations that be done in the midst thereof. ⁵And to the others he said in ^{*}mine hearing, Go ye after him through the city, and ^{Heb. mine ears.} smite: let not your eye spare, neither have ye pity: ⁶slay ^{*}utterly old *and* young, both maids, and ^{Heb. to destruction.} little children, and women: but come not near any man upon whom *is* the mark; and begin at my sanctuary.

Then they began at the ancient men which *were* before the house. ⁷And he said unto them, Defile the house, and fill the courts with the slain: go ye forth. And they went forth, and slew in the city.

⁸And it came to pass, while they were slaying them, and I was left, that I fell upon my face, and cried, and said, Ah Lord God! wilt thou destroy all the residue of Israel in thy pouring out of thy fury upon Jerusalem?

⁹Then said he unto me, The iniquity of the house of Israel and Judah *is* exceeding great, and the land is ^{*}full of blood, and the city full of ^{*}per- ^{Heb. filled with.} Or, *wresting of judgment.*

verseness: for they say, The LORD hath forsaken the earth, and the LORD seeth not. ¹⁰And as for me also, mine eye shall not spare, neither will I have pity, *but* I will recompense their way upon their head.

¹¹And, behold, the man clothed with linen, which *had* the inkhorn by his side, ^{*}reported the ^{Heb. returned the word.} matter, saying, I have done as thou hast commanded me.

X. Then I looked, and, behold, in the firmament that was above the head of the cherubims there appeared over them as it were a sapphire stone, as the appearance of the likeness of a throne. ²And he spake unto the man clothed with linen, and said, Go in between the wheels, *even* under the cherub, and fill ^{*}thine hand with coals of fire from between ^{Heb. the hollow of thine hand.} the cherubims, and scatter *them* over the city. And he went in in my sight.

³Now the cherubims stood on the right side of the house, when the man went in; and the cloud filled the inner court. ⁴Then the glory of the LORD ^{*}went up from the cherub, *and stood* over the ^{Heb. was lifted up.} threshold of the house: and the house was filled with the cloud, and the court was full of the brightness of the LORD's glory. ⁵And the sound of the cherubims' wings was heard *even* to the outer court, as the voice of the Almighty God when he speaketh.

⁶And it came to pass, *that* when he had commanded the man clothed with linen, saying, Take fire from between the wheels, from between the cherubims; then he went in, and stood beside the wheels. ⁷And *one* cherub ^{*}stretched forth his hand from be- ^{Heb. sent forth.} tween the cherubims unto the fire that *was* between the cherubims, and took *thereof*, and put *it* into the hands of *him that was* clothed with linen: who took *it*, and went out.

⁸ And there appeared in the cherubims the form of a man's hand under their wings. ⁹ And when I looked, behold the four wheels by the cherubims, one wheel by one cherub, and another wheel by another cherub: and the appearance of the wheels *was* as the colour of a beryl stone. ¹⁰ And *as for* their appearances, they four had one likeness, as if a wheel had been in the midst of a wheel. ¹¹ When they went, they went upon their four sides; they turned not as they went, but to the place whither the head looked they followed it; they turned not as they went. ¹² And their whole *body, and their backs, and their hands, and Heb. flesh. their wings, and the wheels, *were* full of eyes round about, *even* the wheels that they four had. ¹³ As for the wheels, *it was cried unto them in Or, they were called in my hearing, wheel, or, galgal. my hearing, O wheel. ¹⁴ And every one had four faces: the first face *was* the face of a cherub, and the second face *was* the face of a man, and the third the face of a lion, and the fourth the face of an eagle. ¹⁵ And the cherubims were lifted up. *This is* the living creature that I saw by the river of Chebar.

¹⁶ And when the cherubims went, the wheels went by them: and when the cherubims lifted up their wings to mount up from the earth, the same wheels also turned not from beside them. ¹⁷ When they stood, *these* stood; and when they were lifted up, *these* lifted up themselves *also*: for the spirit *of the living or, of life. creature *was* in them.

¹⁸ Then the glory of the LORD departed from off the threshold of the house, and stood over the cherubims. ¹⁹ And the cherubims lifted up their wings, and mounted up from the earth in my sight: when they went out, the wheels also *were* beside them, and *every one* stood at the door of the east gate of the LORD's house: and the glory of the God of Israel *was* over them above.

²⁰ This *is* the living creature that I saw under the God of Israel by the river of Chebar; and I knew that they *were* the cherubims. ²¹ Every one had four faces apiece, and every one four wings; and the likeness of the hands of a man *was* under their wings. ²² And the likeness of their faces *was* the same faces which I saw by the river of Chebar, their appearances and themselves: they went every one straight forward.

XI. Moreover the spirit lifted me up, and brought me unto the east gate of the LORD's house, which looketh eastward: and behold at the door of the gate five and twenty men; among whom I saw Jaazaniah the son of Azur, and Pelatiah the son of Benaiah, princes of the people. ² Then said he unto me, Son of man, these *are* the men that devise mischief, and give wicked counsel in this city: ³ which say, ^{*} *It* Or, It is not for us to build houses near. *is not near; let us build houses: this city is the caldron, and we be the flesh.* ⁴ Therefore prophesy against them, prophesy, O son of man. ⁵ And the Spirit of the LORD fell upon me, and said unto me, Speak;

Thus saith the LORD; Thus have ye said, O house of Israel: for I know the things that come into your mind, *every one of them.* ⁶ Ye have multiplied your slain in this city, and ye have filled the streets thereof with the slain. ⁷ Therefore thus saith the Lord God; Your slain whom ye have laid in the midst of it, they *are* the flesh, and this *city is* the caldron: but I will bring you forth out of the midst of it.

⁸ Ye have feared the sword; and I will bring a sword upon you, saith the Lord God. ⁹ And I will bring you out of the midst thereof, and deliver you into the hands of strangers, and will execute judgments among you. ¹⁰ Ye shall fall by the sword; I will

judge you in the border of Israel; and ye shall know that I *am* the LORD. ¹¹ This *city* shall not be your caldron, neither shall ye be the flesh in the midst thereof; *but* I will judge you in the border of Israel: ¹² and ye shall know that I *am* the LORD: *for ye have not walked in my statutes, ^{Or, which have not walked.} neither executed my judgments, but have done after the manners of the heathen that *are* round about you.

¹³ And it came to pass, when I prophesied, that Pelatiah the son of Benaiah died. Then fell I down upon my face, and cried with a loud voice, and said, Ah Lord God! wilt thou make a full end of the remnant of Israel?

¹⁴ Again the word of the LORD came unto me, saying, ¹⁵ Son of man, thy brethren, *even* thy brethren, the men of thy kindred, and all the house of Israel wholly, *are* they unto whom the inhabitants of Jerusalem have said, Get you far from the LORD: unto us is this land given in possession. ¹⁶ Therefore say,

Thus saith the Lord God; Although I have cast them far off among the heathen, and although I have scattered them among the countries, yet will I be to them as a little sanctuary in the countries where they shall come. ¹⁷ Therefore say, Thus saith the Lord God; I will even gather you from the people, and assemble you out of the countries where ye have been scattered, and I will give you the land of Israel.

¹⁸ And they shall come thither, and they shall take away all the detestable things thereof and all the abominations thereof from thence. ¹⁹ And I will give them one heart, and I will put a new spirit within you; and I will take the stony heart out of their

flesh, and will give them an heart of flesh: ²⁰ that they may walk in my statutes, and keep mine ordinances, and do them: and they shall be my people, and I will be their God. ²¹ But *as for them* whose heart walketh after the heart of their detestable things and their abominations, I will recompense their way upon their own heads, saith the Lord God.

²² Then did the cherubims lift up their wings, and the wheels beside them; and the glory of the God of Israel *was* over them above. ²³ And the glory of the LORD went up from the midst of the city, and stood upon the mountain which *is* on the east side of the city.

²⁴ Afterwards the spirit took me up, and brought me in a vision by the Spirit of God into Chaldea, to them of the captivity. So the vision that I had seen went up from me. ²⁵ Then I spake unto them of the captivity all the things that the LORD had shewed me.

XII. THE word of the LORD also came unto me, saying, ² Son of man, thou dwellest in the midst of a rebellious house, which have eyes to see, and see not; they have ears to hear, and hear not: for they *are* a rebellious house. ³ Therefore, thou son of man, prepare thee ^{*}stuff for removing, and remove by ^{Or, instruments.} day in their sight; and thou shalt remove from thy place to another place in their sight: it may be they will consider, though they *be* a rebellious house. ⁴ Then shalt thou bring forth thy stuff by day in their sight, as stuff for removing: and thou shalt go forth at even in their sight, ^{*}as they that go forth into ^{Heb. as the goings forth of captivity.} captivity. ⁵ ^{*}Dig thou through the wall in their ^{Heb. Dig for thee.} sight, and carry out thereby. ⁶ In their sight shalt thou bear *it* upon *thy* shoulders, *and* carry *it* forth in the twilight: thou shalt cover thy face, that thou see

not the ground: for I have set thee *for* a sign unto the house of Israel.

⁷ And I did so as I was commanded: I brought forth my stuff by day, as stuff for captivity, and in the even I *digged through the wall with mine ^{Heb. digged for me.} hand; I brought *it* forth in the twilight, *and* I bare *it* upon *my* shoulder in their sight. ⁸ And in the morning came the word of the LORD unto me, saying, ⁹ Son of man, hath not the house of Israel, the rebellious house, said unto thee, What doest thou? ¹⁰ Say thou unto them, Thus saith the Lord God; This burden *concerneth* the prince in Jerusalem, and all the house of Israel that *are* among them.

¹¹ Say, I *am* your sign: like as I have done, so shall it be done unto them: they shall *remove ^{Heb. by removing go into captivity.} *and* go into captivity. ¹² And the prince that *is* among them shall bear upon *his* shoulder in the twilight, and shall go forth: they shall dig through the wall to carry out thereby: he shall cover his face, that he see not the ground with *his* eyes. ¹³ My net also will I spread upon him, and he shall be taken in my snare: and I will bring him to Babylon *to* the land of the Chaldeans; yet shall he not see it, though he shall die there. ¹⁴ And I will scatter toward every wind all that *are* about him to help him, and all his bands; and I will draw out the sword after them. ¹⁵ And they shall know that I *am* the LORD, when I shall scatter them among the nations, and disperse them in the countries.

¹⁶ But I will leave *a few men of them from ^{Heb. men of number.} the sword, from the famine, and from the pestilence: that they may declare all their abominations among the heathen whither they come; and they shall know that I *am* the LORD.

¹⁷ Moreover the word of the LORD came to me, saying,
¹⁸ Son of man, eat thy bread with quaking, and drink thy water with trembling and with carefulness; ¹⁹ and say unto the people of the land, Thus saith the Lord God of the inhabitants of Jerusalem, *and* of the land of Israel; They shall eat their bread with carefulness, and drink their water with astonishment, that her land may be desolate from *all that is therein, because of the ^{Heb. the fulness thereof.} violence of all them that dwell therein. ²⁰ And the cities that are inhabited shall be laid waste, and the land shall be desolate; and ye shall know that *I am* the LORD.

²¹ And the word of the LORD came unto me, saying,
²² Son of man, what *is* that proverb *that* ye have in the land of Israel, saying, The days are prolonged, and every vision faileth? ²³ Tell them therefore,

Thus saith the Lord God; I will make this proverb to cease, and they shall no more use it as a proverb in Israel; but say unto them, The days are at hand, and the effect of every vision. ²⁴ For there shall be no more any vain vision nor flattering divination within the house of Israel. ²⁵ For *I am* the LORD: I will speak, and the word that I shall speak shall come to pass; it shall be no more prolonged: for in your days, O rebellious house, will I say the word, and will perform it, saith the Lord God.

²⁶ Again the word of the LORD came to me, saying,

²⁷ Son of man, behold, *they of* the house of Israel say, The vision that he seeth *is* for many days *to come*, and he prophesieth of the times *that are* far off.
²⁸ Therefore say unto them, Thus saith the Lord

GOD; There shall none of my words be prolonged any more, but the word which I have spoken shall be done, saith the Lord God.

XIII. And the word of the LORD came unto me, saying, ²Son of man, prophesy against the prophets of Israel, that prophesy, and say thou unto ^{*}them that prophesy out of their own hearts, Hear Heb. them that are prophets out of their own hearts. ye the word of the LORD;

³Thus saith the Lord God;

Woe unto the foolish prophets, that ^{*}follow Heb. walk after. their own spirit, ^{*}and have seen nothing! Or, and things which they have not seen.

⁴O Israel, thy prophets are like the foxes in the deserts. ⁵Ye have not gone up into the

^{*}gaps, neither ^{*}made up the hedge Or, breaches. Heb. hedged the hedge.

for the house of Israel to stand in the battle in the day of the LORD. ⁶They have seen vanity and lying divination, saying, The LORD saith: and the LORD hath not sent them: and they have made *others* to hope that they would confirm the word.

⁷Have ye not seen a vain vision, and have ye not spoken a lying divination, whereas ye say, The LORD saith *it*; albeit I have not spoken?

⁸Therefore thus saith the Lord God; Because ye have spoken vanity, and seen lies, therefore, behold, I *am* against you, saith the Lord God. ⁹And mine hand shall be upon the prophets that see vanity, and that divine lies: they shall not be in the ^{*}assembly of my people, neither shall they Or, secret, or, council. be written in the writing of the house of Israel, neither shall they enter into the land of Israel; and ye shall know that I *am* the Lord God.

¹⁰Because, even because they have seduced my people, saying, Peace; and *there was* no peace; and one built up a ^{*}wall, and, lo, others daubed it Or, a slight wall.

with untempered *morter*: ¹¹ say unto them which daub *it* with untempered *morter*, that it shall fall: there shall be an overflowing shower; and ye, O great hailstones, shall fall; and a stormy wind shall rend *it*. ¹² Lo, when the wall is fallen, shall it not be said unto you, Where *is* the daubing wherewith ye have daubed *it*? ¹³ Therefore thus saith the Lord God; I will even rend *it* with a stormy wind in my fury; and there shall be an overflowing shower in mine anger, and great hailstones in *my* fury to consume *it*. ¹⁴ So will I break down the wall that ye have daubed with untempered *morter*, and bring it down to the ground, so that the foundation thereof shall be discovered, and it shall fall, and ye shall be consumed in the midst thereof: and ye shall know that I *am* the LORD.

¹⁵ Thus will I accomplish my wrath upon the wall, and upon them that have daubed it with untempered *morter*, and will say unto you, The wall *is* no *more*, neither they that daubed it; ¹⁶ *to wit*, the prophets of Israel which prophesy concerning Jerusalem, and which see visions of peace for her, and *there is* no peace, saith the Lord God.

¹⁷ Likewise, thou son of man, set thy face against the daughters of thy people, which prophesy out of their own heart; and prophesy thou against them, ¹⁸ and say, Thus saith the Lord God; Woe to the *women* that sew pillows to all ^{*} armholes, and ^{Or, elbows.} make kerchiefs upon the head of every stature to hunt souls! Will ye hunt the souls of my people, and will ye save the souls alive *that come* unto you? ¹⁹ And will ye pollute me among my people for handfuls of barley and for pieces of bread, to slay the souls that should not die, and to save the souls

alive that should not live, by your lying to my people that hear *your* lies?

²⁰ Wherefore thus saith the Lord God; Behold, I *am* against your pillows, wherewith ye there hunt the souls * to make *them* fly, and I will tear them ^{Or, into gardens.} from your arms, and will let the souls go, *even* the souls that ye hunt to make *them* fly. ²¹ Your kerchiefs also will I tear, and deliver my people out of your hand, and they shall be no more in your hand to be hunted; and ye shall know that I *am* the LORD. ²² Because with lies ye have made the heart of the righteous sad, whom I have not made sad; and strengthened the hands of the wicked, that he should not return from his wicked way, * by promising him life: ²³ therefore ye ^{Or, that I should save his life.} shall see no more vanity, nor divine di- ^{Heb. by quickening him.} vinations: for I will deliver my people out of your hand: and ye shall know that I *am* the LORD.

XIV. THEN came certain of the elders of Israel unto me, and sat before me. ² And the word of the LORD came unto me, saying, ³ Son of man, these men have set up their idols in their heart, and put the stumblingblock of their iniquity before their face: should I be enquired of at all by them? ⁴ Therefore speak unto them, and say unto them, Thus saith the Lord God; Every man of the house of Israel that setteth up his idols in his heart, and putteth the stumblingblock of his iniquity before his face, and cometh to the prophet; I the LORD will answer him that cometh according to the multitude of his idols; ⁵ that I may take the house of Israel in their own heart, because they are all estranged from me through their idols.

⁶ Therefore say unto the house of Israel, Thus saith

the Lord God; Repent, and turn **yourselves* Or, others. from your idols; and turn away your faces from all your abominations. ⁷For every one of the house of Israel, or of the stranger that sojourneth in Israel, which separateth himself from me, and setteth up his idols in his heart, and putteth the stumblingblock of his iniquity before his face, and cometh to a prophet to enquire of him concerning me; I the LORD will answer him by myself: ⁸and I will set my face against that man, and will make him a sign and a proverb, and I will cut him off from the midst of my people; and ye shall know that I *am* the LORD.

⁹And if the prophet be deceived when he hath spoken a thing, I the LORD have deceived that prophet, and I will stretch out my hand upon him, and will destroy him from the midst of my people Israel. ¹⁰And they shall bear the punishment of their iniquity: the punishment of the prophet shall be even as the punishment of him that seeketh *unto him*; ¹¹that the house of Israel may go no more astray from me, neither be polluted any more with all their transgressions; but that they may be my people, and I may be their God, saith the Lord God.

¹²The word of the LORD came again to me, saying, ¹³Son of man, when the land sinneth against me by trespassing grievously, then will I stretch out mine hand upon it, and will break the staff of the bread thereof, and will send famine upon it, and will cut off man and beast from it: ¹⁴though these three men, Noah, Daniel, and Job, were in it, they should deliver *but* their own souls by their righteousness, saith the Lord God.

¹⁵If I cause noisome beasts to pass through the land, and they *spoil it, so that it be desolate, that no Or, *bereave*. man may pass through because of the beasts: ¹⁶*though*

these three men *were* *in it, *as* I live, saith the Lord God, they shall deliver neither sons nor daughters; they only shall be delivered, but the land shall be desolate. Heb. in the midst of it.

¹⁷Or *if* I bring a sword upon that land, and say, Sword, go through the land; so that I cut off man and beast from it: ¹⁸though these three men *were* in it, *as* I live, saith the Lord God, they shall deliver neither sons nor daughters, but they only shall be delivered themselves.

¹⁹Or *if* I send a pestilence into that land, and pour out my fury upon it in blood, to cut off from it man and beast: ²⁰though Noah, Daniel, and Job, *were* in it, *as* I live, saith the Lord God, they shall deliver neither son nor daughter; they shall *but* deliver their own souls by their righteousness.

²¹For thus saith the Lord God; *How much Or, Also when. more when I send my four sore judgments upon Jerusalem, the sword, and the famine, and the noisome beast, and the pestilence, to cut off from it man and beast? ²²Yet, behold, therein shall be left a remnant that shall be brought forth, *both* sons and daughters: behold, they shall come forth unto you, and ye shall see their way and their doings: and ye shall be comforted concerning the evil that I have brought upon Jerusalem, *even* concerning all that I have brought upon it. ²³And they shall comfort you, when ye see their ways and their doings: and ye shall know that I have not done without cause all that I have done in it, saith the Lord God.

XV. And the word of the LORD came unto me, saying,

²Son of man, What is the vine tree more than any tree, *or than* a branch which is among the trees of

the forest? ³ Shall wood be taken thereof to do any work? or will *men* take a pin of it to hang any vessel thereon? ⁴ Behold, it is cast into the fire for fuel; the fire devoureth both the ends of it, and the midst of it is burned. * Is it ^{Heb. Will it prosper?} meet for *any* work? ⁵ Behold, when it was whole, it was *meet for no work: how much less ^{Heb. made fit.} shall it be meet yet for *any* work, when the fire hath devoured it, and it is burned?

⁶ Therefore thus saith the Lord God; As the vine tree among the trees of the forest, which I have given to the fire for fuel, so will I give the inhabitants of Jerusalem. ⁷ And I will set my face against them; they shall go out from *one* fire, and *another* fire shall devour them; and ye shall know that I *am* the LORD, when I set my face against them. ⁸ And I will make the land desolate, because they have *committed a trespass, saith the ^{Heb. trespassed a trespass.} Lord God.

XVI. Again the word of the LORD came unto me, saying, ² Son of man, cause Jerusalem to know her abominations, ³ and say,

Thus saith the Lord God unto Jerusalem; Thy *birth and thy nativity *is* of the land of Canaan; ^{Heb. cutting out, or, habitation.} thy father *was* an Amorite, and thy mother an Hittite. ⁴ And *as for* thy nativity, in the day thou wast born thy navel was not cut, neither wast thou washed in water *to supple *thee*; ^{Or, when I looked upon thee.} thou wast not salted at all, nor swaddled at all. ⁵ None eye pitied thee, to do any of these unto thee, to have compassion upon thee; but thou wast cast out in the open field, to the lothing of thy person in the day that thou wast born.

⁶ And when I passed by thee, and saw thee *pol- ^{Or, trodden under foot.}

luted in thine own blood, I said unto thee *when thou wast* in thy blood, Live; yea, I said unto thee *when thou wast* in thy blood, Live. ⁷ I have *caused thee to multiply as the bud of the field, ^{Heb. made thee a million.} and thou hast increased and waxen great, and thou art come to *excellent ornaments: *thy* ^{Heb. ornament of ornaments.} breasts are fashioned, and thine hair is grown, whereas thou *wast* naked and bare.

⁸ Now when I passed by thee, and looked upon thee, behold, thy time *was* the time of love; and I spread my skirt over thee, and covered thy nakedness: yea, I swore unto thee, and entered into a covenant with thee, saith the Lord God, and thou becamest mine.

⁹ Then washed I thee with water; yea, I thoroughly washed away thy *blood from thee, and I ^{Heb. bloods.} anointed thee with oil. ¹⁰ I clothed thee also with broidered work, and shod thee with badgers' skin, and I girded thee about with fine linen, and I covered thee with silk. ¹¹ I decked thee also with ornaments, and I put bracelets upon thy hands, and a chain on thy neck. ¹² And I put a jewel on thy *forehead, and earrings in thine ears, ^{Heb. nose.} and a beautiful crown upon thine head. ¹³ Thus wast thou decked with gold and silver; and thy raiment *was of* fine linen, and silk, and broidered work; thou didst eat fine flour, and honey, and oil: and thou wast exceeding beautiful, and thou didst prosper into a kingdom. ¹⁴ And thy renown went forth among the heathen for thy beauty: for it *was* perfect through my comeliness, which I had put upon thee, saith the Lord God.

¹⁵ But thou didst trust in thine own beauty, and playedst the harlot because of thy renown, and pouredst out thy fornications on every one that passed by;

his it was. ¹⁶ And of thy garments thou didst take, and deckedst thy high places with divers colours, and playedst the harlot thereupon: *the like things* shall not come, neither shall it be so. ¹⁷ Thou hast also taken thy fair jewels of my gold and of my silver, which I have given thee, and madest to thyself images ^{*} of men, and didst commit ^{Heb. of a male.} whoredom with them, ¹⁸ and tookest thy broidered garments, and coveredst them: and thou hast set mine oil and mine incense before them. ¹⁹ My meat also which I gave thee, fine flour, and oil, and honey, *wherewith* I fed thee, thou hast even set it before them for ^{*} a sweet savour, and *thus* ^{Heb. a savour of rest.} it was, saith the Lord God.

²⁰ Moreover thou hast taken thy sons and thy daughters, whom thou hast borne unto me, and these hast thou sacrificed unto them ^{*} to be devoured. ^{Heb. to devour.} *Is this* of thy whoredoms a small matter, ²¹ that thou hast slain my children, and delivered them to cause them to pass through *the fire* for them? ²² And in all thine abominations and thy whoredoms thou hast not remembered the days of thy youth, when thou wast naked and bare, *and* wast polluted in thy blood.

²³ And it came to pass after all thy wickedness, (woe, woe unto thee! saith the Lord God;) ²⁴ *that* thou hast also built unto thee ^{*} an eminent place, ^{Or, brothel house.} and hast made thee an high place in every street. ²⁵ Thou hast built thy high place at every head of the way, and hast made thy beauty to be abhorred, and hast opened thy feet to every one that passed by, and multiplied thy whoredoms. ²⁶ Thou hast also committed fornication with the Egyptians thy neighbours, great of flesh; and hast increased thy whoredoms, to provoke me to anger.

²⁷ Behold, therefore I have stretched out my hand over thee, and have diminished thine ordinary *food*, and delivered thee unto the will of them that hate thee, the *daughters of the Phi- Or, cities. listines, which are ashamed of thy lewd way.

²⁸ Thou hast played the whore also with the Assyrians, because thou wast unsatiable; yea, thou hast played the harlot with them, and yet couldest not be satisfied. ²⁹ Thou hast moreover multiplied thy fornication in the land of Canaan unto Chaldea; and yet thou wast not satisfied herewith.

³⁰ How weak is thine heart, saith the Lord God, seeing thou doest all these *things*, the work of an imperious whorish woman; ³¹ *in that thou Or, In thy daughters is thine, &c. buildest thine eminent place in the head of every way, and makest thine high place in every street; and hast not been as an harlot, in that thou scornest hire; ³² *but as* a wife that committeth adultery, *which* taketh strangers instead of her husband! ³³ They give gifts to all whores: but thou givest thy gifts to all thy lovers, and *hirest them, Heb. bribest. that they may come unto thee on every side for thy whoredom. ³⁴ And the contrary is in thee from *other* women in thy whoredoms, whereas none followeth thee to commit whoredoms: and in that thou givest a reward, and no reward is given unto thee, therefore thou art contrary.

³⁵ Wherefore, O harlot, hear the word of the LORD: ³⁶ Thus saith the Lord God: Because thy filthiness was poured out, and thy nakedness discovered through thy whoredoms with thy lovers, and with all the idols of thy abominations, and by the blood of thy children, which thou didst give unto them; ³⁷ behold, therefore I will gather all thy lovers, with whom thou hast taken pleasure, and all *them*

that thou hast loved, with all *them* that thou hast hated; I will even gather them round about against thee, and will discover thy nakedness unto them, that they may see all thy nakedness. ³⁸ And I will judge thee, *as women that break wed- ^{Heb. with judgments of.} lock and shed blood are judged; and I will give thee blood in fury and jealousy. ³⁹ And I will also give thee into their hand, and they shall throw down thine eminent place, and shall break down thy high places: they shall strip thee also of thy clothes, and shall take *thy fair jewels, ^{Heb. instruments of thine ornament.} and leave thee naked and bare. ⁴⁰ They shall also bring up a company against thee, and they shall stone thee with stones, and thrust thee through with their swords. ⁴¹ And they shall burn thine houses with fire, and execute judgments upon thee in the sight of many women: and I will cause thee to cease from playing the harlot, and thou also shalt give no hire any more.

⁴² So will I make my fury toward thee to rest, and my jealousy shall depart from thee, and I will be quiet, and will be no more angry.

⁴³ Because thou hast not remembered the days of thy youth, but hast fretted me in all these *things*; behold, therefore I also will recompense thy way upon *thine* head, saith the Lord God: and thou shalt not commit this lewdness above all thine abominations.

⁴⁴ Behold, every one that useth proverbs shall use *this* proverb against thee, saying, As *is* the mother, so *is* her daughter. ⁴⁵ Thou *art* thy mother's daughter, that lotheth her husband and her children; and thou *art* the sister of thy sisters, which lothed their husbands and their children: your mother *was* an Hittite, and your father an Amorite. ⁴⁶ And

thine elder sister *is* Samaria, she and her daughters that dwell at thy left hand: and *thy ^{Heb. less: r than thou.} younger sister, that dwelleth at thy right hand, *is* Sodom and her daughters. ⁴⁷ Yet hast thou not walked after their ways, nor done after their abominations: but, *as if *that were* a very ^{Or, that was *lothe l* as a small thing.} little *thing*, thou wast corrupted more than they in all thy ways.

⁴⁸ As I live, saith the Lord God, Sodom thy sister hath not done, she nor her daughters, as thou hast done, thou and thy daughters. ⁴⁹ Behold, this was the iniquity of thy sister Sodom, pride, fulness of bread, and abundance of idleness was in her and in her daughters, neither did she strengthen the hand of the poor and needy. ⁵⁰ And they were haughty, and committed abomination before me: therefore I took them away as I saw *good*.

⁵¹ Neither hath Samaria committed half of thy sins; but thou hast multiplied thine abominations more than they, and hast justified thy sisters in all thine abominations which thou hast done. ⁵² Thou also, which hast judged thy sisters, bear thine own shame for thy sins that thou hast committed more abominable than they: they are more righteous than thou: yea, be thou confounded also, and bear thy shame, in that thou hast justified thy sisters. ⁵³ When I shall bring again their captivity, the captivity of Sodom and her daughters, and the captivity of Samaria and her daughters, then *will I bring again* the captivity of thy captives in the midst of them: ⁵⁴ that thou mayest bear thine own shame, and mayest be confounded in all that thou hast done, in that thou art a comfort unto them.

⁵⁵ When thy sisters, Sodom and her daughters, shall return to their former estate, and Samaria and her

daughters shall return to their former estate, then thou and thy daughters shall return to your former estate. ⁵⁶ For thy sister Sodom was not *men-
tioned by thy mouth in the day of thy <sup>Heb. for a report,
or, hearing.</sup>
*pride, ⁵⁷ before thy wickedness was dis- <sup>Heb. prides, or,
excellencies.</sup>
covered, as at the time of *thy* reproach of the
daughters of *Syria, and all *that are* round ^{Heb. Aram.}
about her, the daughters of the Philistines, which
*despise thee round about. ⁵⁸ Thou hast ^{Or, spoil.}
*borne thy lewdness and thine abomina- <sup>Heb. borne
them.</sup>
tions, saith the LORD.

⁵⁹ For thus saith the Lord God; I will even deal with thee as thou hast done, which hast despised the oath in breaking the covenant. ⁶⁰ Nevertheless I will remember my covenant with thee in the days of thy youth, and I will establish unto thee an everlasting covenant. ⁶¹ Then thou shalt remember thy ways, and be ashamed, when thou shalt receive thy sisters, thine elder and thy younger: and I will give them unto thee for daughters, but not by thy covenant. ⁶² And I will establish my covenant with thee; and thou shalt know that I *am* the LORD: ⁶³ that thou mayest remember, and be confounded, and never open thy mouth any more because of thy shame, when I am pacified toward thee for all that thou hast done, saith the Lord God.

XVII. AND the word of the LORD came unto me, saying, ² Son of man, put forth a riddle, and speak a parable unto the house of Israel; ³ and say, Thus saith the Lord God;

A great eagle with great wings, longwinged, full of feathers, which had *divers colours, came <sup>Heb. embroi-
dering.</sup>
unto Lebanon, and took the highest branch of the

cedar: ⁴he cropped off the top of his young twigs, and carried it into a land of traffick; he set it in a city of merchants. ⁵He took also of the seed of the land, and ^{*}planted it in a fruitful ^{Heb. put it in a field of seed.} field; he placed *it* by great waters, *and* set it *as* a willow tree. ⁶And it grew, and became a spreading vine of low stature, whose branches turned toward him, and the roots thereof were under him: so it became a vine, and brought forth branches, and shot forth sprigs.

⁷There was also another great eagle with great wings and many feathers: and, behold, this vine did bend her roots toward him, and shot forth her branches toward him, that he might water it by the furrows of her plantation. ⁸It was planted in a good ^{*}soil by great waters, that it might ^{Heb. field.} bring forth branches, and that it might bear fruit, that it might be a goodly vine.

⁹Say thou, Thus saith the Lord God; Shall it prosper? shall he not pull up the roots thereof, and cut off the fruit thereof, that it wither? it shall wither in all the leaves of her spring, even without great power or many people to pluck it up by the roots thereof. ¹⁰Yea, behold, *being* planted, shall it prosper? shall it not utterly wither, when the east wind toucheth it? it shall wither in the furrows where it grew.

¹¹Moreover the word of the LORD came unto me, saying, ¹²Say now to the rebellious house, Know ye not what these *things mean*? tell *them*, Behold, the king of Babylon is come to Jerusalem, and hath taken the king thereof, and the princes thereof, and led them with him to Babylon; ¹³and hath taken of the king's seed, and made a covenant with him, and hath ^{*}taken an oath of him: ^{Heb. brought him to an oath.}

he hath also taken the mighty of the land: ¹⁴that the kingdom might be base, that it might not lift itself up, ^{*}*but* that by keeping of his ^{Heb. to keep his covenant, to stand to it.} covenant it might stand. ¹⁵But he rebelled against him in sending his ambassadors into Egypt, that they might give him horses and much people. Shall he prosper? shall he escape that doeth such *things*? or shall he break the covenant and be delivered?

¹⁶*As* I live, saith the Lord God, surely in the place *where* the king *dwelleth* that made him king, whose oath he despised, and whose covenant he brake, *even* with him in the midst of Babylon he shall die. ¹⁷Neither shall Pharaoh with *his* mighty army and great company make for him in the war, by casting up mounts, and building forts, to cut off many persons: ¹⁸seeing he despised the oath by breaking the covenant, when, lo, he had given his hand, and hath done all these *things*, he shall not escape.

¹⁹Therefore thus saith the Lord God: *As* I live, surely mine oath that he hath despised, and my covenant that he hath broken, even it will I recompense upon his own head. ²⁰And I will spread my net upon him, and he shall be taken in my snare, and I will bring him to Babylon, and will plead with him there for his trespass that he hath trespassed against me. ²¹And all his fugitives with all his bands shall fall by the sword, and they that remain shall be scattered toward all winds: and ye shall know that I the LORD have spoken *it*.

²²Thus saith the Lord God; I will also take of the highest branch of the high cedar, and will set *it*; I will crop off from the top of his young twigs a tender one, and will plant *it* upon an high moun-

tain and eminent: ²³in the mountain of the height of Israel will I plant it: and it shall bring forth boughs, and bear fruit, and be a goodly cedar: and under it shall dwell all fowl of every wing; in the shadow of the branches thereof shall they dwell. ²⁴And all the trees of the field shall know that I the LORD have brought down the high tree, have exalted the low tree, have dried up the green tree, and have made the dry tree to flourish: I the LORD have spoken and have done *it*.

XVIII. THE word of the LORD came unto me again, saying,

²What mean ye, that ye use this proverb concerning the land of Israel, saying, The fathers have eaten sour grapes, and the children's teeth are set on edge?

³As I live, saith the Lord God, ye shall not have *occasion* any more to use this proverb in Israel.

⁴Behold, all souls are mine; as the soul of the father, so also the soul of the son is mine: the soul that sinneth, it shall die.

⁵But if a man be just, and do ^{*}that which ^{Heb. judgment and justice.} is lawful and right, ⁶and hath not eaten upon the mountains, neither hath lifted up his eyes to the idols of the house of Israel, neither hath defiled his neighbour's wife, neither hath come near to a menstruous woman, ⁷and hath not oppressed any, *but* hath restored to the debtor his pledge, hath spoiled none by violence, hath given his bread to the hungry, and hath covered the naked with a garment; ⁸he *that* hath not given forth upon usury, neither hath taken any increase, *that* hath withdrawn his hand from iniquity, hath executed true judgment between man and man, ⁹hath

walked in my statutes, and hath kept my judgments, to deal truly; he *is* just, he shall surely live, saith the Lord God.

¹⁰ If he beget a son *that is* a *robber, a shedder of blood, and **that* doeth the like to *any* one of these *things*, ¹¹and that doeth not any of those *duties*, but even hath eaten upon the mountains, and defiled his neighbour's wife, ¹²hath oppressed the poor and needy, hath spoiled by violence, hath not restored the pledge, and hath lifted up his eyes to the idols, hath committed abomination, ¹³hath given forth upon usury, and hath taken increase: shall he then live? he shall not live: he hath done all these abominations; he shall surely die; his *blood shall be upon ^{Heb. bloods.} him.

¹⁴ Now, lo, *if* he beget a son, that seeth all his father's sins which he hath done, and considereth, and doeth not such like, ¹⁵*that* hath not eaten upon the mountains, neither hath lifted up his eyes to the idols of the house of Israel, hath not defiled his neighbour's wife, ¹⁶neither hath oppressed any, *hath not withholden the pledge, ^{Heb. hath not pledged the pledge, or, taken to pledge.} neither hath spoiled by violence, *but* hath given his bread to the hungry, and hath covered the naked with a garment, ¹⁷*that* hath taken off his hand from the poor, *that* hath not received usury nor increase, hath executed my judgments, hath walked in my statutes: he shall not die for the iniquity of his father, he shall surely live. ¹⁸*As for* his father, because he cruelly oppressed, spoiled his brother by violence, and did *that* which *is* not good among his people, lo, even he shall die in his iniquity.

¹⁹ Yet say ye, Why? doth not the son bear the iniquity

of the father? When the son hath done that which is lawful and right, *and* hath kept all my statutes, and hath done them, he shall surely live.

²⁰The soul that sinneth, it shall die. The son shall not bear the iniquity of the father, neither shall the father bear the iniquity of the son: the righteousness of the righteous shall be upon him, and the wickedness of the wicked shall be upon him. ²¹But if the wicked will turn from all his sins that he hath committed, and keep all my statutes, and do that which is lawful and right, he shall surely live, he shall not die.

²²All his transgressions that he hath committed, they shall not be mentioned unto him: in his righteousness that he hath done he shall live. ²³Have I any pleasure at all that the wicked should die? saith the Lord God: *and* not that he should return from his ways, and live?

²⁴But when the righteous turneth away from his righteousness, and committeth iniquity, *and* doeth according to all the abominations that the wicked *man* doeth, shall he live? All his righteousness that he hath done shall not be mentioned: in his trespass that he hath trespassed, and in his sin that he hath sinned, in them shall he die.

²⁵Yet ye say, The way of the LORD is not equal. Hear now, O house of Israel; Is not my way equal? are not your ways unequal? ²⁶When a righteous *man* turneth away from his righteousness, and committeth iniquity, and dieth in them; for his iniquity that he hath done shall he die. ²⁷Again, when the wicked *man* turneth away from his wickedness that he hath committed, and doeth that which is lawful and right, he shall save his soul alive. ²⁸Because he considereth, and turneth away from all his transgressions that he hath

committed, he shall surely live, he shall not die.

²⁹ Yet saith the house of Israel, The way of the LORD is not equal. O house of Israel, are not my ways equal? are not your ways unequal? ³⁰ Therefore I will judge you, O house of Israel, every one according to his ways, saith the Lord God. Repent, and turn **yourselves* from all your Or, others. transgressions; so iniquity shall not be your ruin. ³¹ Cast away from you all your transgressions, whereby ye have transgressed; and make you a new heart and a new spirit: for why will ye die, O house of Israel? ³² For I have no pleasure in the death of him that dieth, saith the Lord God: wherefore turn **yourselves*, and live ye. Or, others.

XIX. Moreover take thou up a lamentation for the princes of Israel, ²and say,

What is thy mother? A lioness: she lay down among lions, she nourished her whelps among young lions. ³And she brought up one of her whelps: it became a young lion, and it learned to catch the prey; it devoured men. ⁴The nations also heard of him; he was taken in their pit, and they brought him with chains unto the land of Egypt. ⁵Now when she saw that she had waited, *and* her hope was lost, then she took another of her whelps, *and* made him a young lion. ⁶And he went up and down among the lions, he became a young lion, and learned to catch the prey, *and* devoured men. ⁷And he knew **their* desolate palaces, and Or, *their* widows. he laid waste their cities; and the land was desolate, and the fulness thereof, by the noise of his roaring. ⁸Then the nations set against him on every side from the provinces, and spread their

net over him: he was taken in their pit. ⁹ And they put him in ward *in chains, and Or, in hooks. brought him to the king of Babylon: they brought him into holds, that his voice should no more be heard upon the mountains of Israel.

¹ Thy mother *is* like a vine *in thy blood, Or, in thy quietness, or, in thy likeness. planted by the waters: she was fruitful and full of branches by reason of many waters. ¹¹ And she had strong rods for the sceptres of them that bare rule, and her stature was exalted among the thick branches, and she appeared in her height with the multitude of her branches. ¹² But she was plucked up in fury, she was cast down to the ground, and the east wind dried up her fruit: her strong rods were broken and withered; the fire consumed them. ¹³ And now she *is* planted in the wilderness, in a dry and thirsty ground. ¹⁴ And fire is gone out of a rod of her branches, *which* hath devoured her fruit, so that she hath no strong rod *to be* a sceptre to rule. This *is* a lamentation, and shall be for a lamentation.

XX. AND it came to pass in the seventh year, in the fifth *month*, the tenth *day* of the month, *that* certain of the elders of Israel came to enquire of the LORD, and sat before me. ² Then came the word of the LORD unto me, saying, ³ Son of man, speak unto the elders of Israel, and say unto them, Thus saith the Lord God; Are ye come to enquire of me? *As I live*, saith the Lord God, I will not be enquired of by you. ⁴ Wilt thou *judge them, son of man, wilt Or, plead for them. thou judge *them*? cause them to know the abominations of their fathers: ⁵ and say unto them, Thus saith the Lord God;

In the day when I chose Israel, and *lifted up Or, swore.

mine hand unto the seed of the house of Jacob, and made myself known unto them in the land of Egypt, when I lifted up mine hand unto them, saying, I *am* the LORD your God; ⁶in the day *that* I lifted up mine hand unto them, to bring them forth of the land of Egypt into a land that I had espied for them, flowing with milk and honey, which *is* the glory of all lands: ⁷then said I unto them, Cast ye away every man the abominations of his eyes, and defile not yourselves with the idols of Egypt: I *am* the LORD your God.

⁸But they rebelled against me, and would not hearken unto me: they did not every man cast away the abominations of their eyes, neither did they forsake the idols of Egypt: then I said, I will pour out my fury upon them, to accomplish my anger against them in the midst of the land of Egypt. ⁹But I wrought for my name's sake, that it should not be polluted before the heathen, among whom they *were*, in whose sight I made myself known unto them, in bringing them forth out of the land of Egypt.

¹⁰Wherefore I caused them to go forth out of the land of Egypt, and brought them into the wilderness.

¹¹And I gave them my statutes, and ^{*}shewed them my judgments, which *if* a man do, he ^{Heb. made them to know.}

¹²Moreover also I gave them my sabbaths, to be a sign between me and them, that they might know that I *am* the LORD that sanctify them.

¹³But the house of Israel rebelled against me in the wilderness: they walked not in my statutes, and they despised my judgments, which *if* a man do, he shall even live in them; and my sabbaths they greatly polluted: then I said, I will pour out

my fury upon them in the wilderness, to consume them. ¹⁴But I wrought for my name's sake, that it should not be polluted before the heathen, in whose sight I brought them out. ¹⁵Yet also I lifted up my hand unto them in the wilderness, that I would not bring them into the land which I had given *them*, flowing with milk and honey, which *is* the glory of all lands; ¹⁶because they despised my judgments, and walked not in my statutes, but polluted my sabbaths: for their heart went after their idols. ¹⁷Nevertheless mine eye spared them from destroying them, neither did I make an end of them in the wilderness.

¹⁸But I said unto their children in the wilderness, Walk ye not in the statutes of your fathers, neither observe their judgments, nor defile yourselves with their idols: ¹⁹I *am* the LORD your God; walk in my statutes, and keep my judgments, and do them; ²⁰and hallow my sabbaths; and they shall be a sign between me and you, that ye may know that I *am* the LORD your God.

²¹Notwithstanding the children rebelled against me: they walked not in my statutes, neither kept my judgments to do them, which *if* a man do, he shall even live in them; they polluted my sabbaths: then I said, I would pour out my fury upon them, to accomplish my anger against them in the wilderness. ²²Nevertheless I withdrew mine hand, and wrought for my name's sake, that it should not be polluted in the sight of the heathen, in whose sight I brought them forth.

²³I lifted up mine hand unto them also in the wilderness, that I would scatter them among the heathen, and disperse them through the countries; ²⁴because they had not executed my judgments, but had de-

spised my statutes, and had polluted my sabbaths, and their eyes were after their fathers' idols.

²⁵ Wherefore I gave them also statutes *that were* not good, and judgments whereby they should not live;

²⁶ and I polluted them in their own gifts, in that they caused to pass through *the fire* all that openeth the womb, that I might make them desolate, to the end that they might know that I *am* the LORD.

²⁷ Therefore, son of man, speak unto the house of Israel, and say unto them, Thus saith the Lord God; Yet in this your fathers have blasphemed me, in that they have *committed a trespass against ^{Heb. trespassed a trespass.} me. ²⁸ For when I had brought them into the land,

for the which I lifted up mine hand to give it to them, then they saw every high hill, and all the thick trees, and they offered there their sacrifices, and there they presented the provocation of their offering: there also they made their sweet savour, and poured out there their drink offerings. ²⁹ Then

*I said unto them, What *is* the high place ^{Or, I told them what the high place was, or, Bamah.} whereunto ye go? And the name thereof is called Bamah unto this day.

³⁰ Wherefore say unto the house of Israel, Thus saith the Lord God; Are ye polluted after the manner of your fathers? and commit ye whoredom after their abominations? ³¹ For when ye offer your gifts, when ye make your sons to pass through the fire, ye pollute yourselves with all your idols, even unto this day: and shall I be enquired of by you, O house of Israel? As I live, saith the Lord God, I will not be enquired of by you. ³² And that which cometh into your mind shall not be at all, that ye say, We will be as the heathen, as the families of the countries, to serve wood and stone.

³³ As I live, saith the Lord God, surely with a mighty

hand, and with a stretched out arm, and with fury poured out, will I rule over you: ³⁴and I will bring you out from the people, and will gather you out of the countries wherein ye are scattered, with a mighty hand, and with a stretched out arm, and with fury poured out. ³⁵And I will bring you into the wilderness of the people, and there will I plead with you face to face.

³⁶Like as I pleaded with your fathers in the wilderness of the land of Egypt, so will I plead with you, saith the Lord God. ³⁷And I will cause you to pass under the rod, and I will bring you into *the bond of the covenant: ³⁸and I will Or, a delivering. purge out from among you the rebels, and them that transgress against me: I will bring them forth out of the country where they sojourn, and they shall not enter into the land of Israel: and ye shall know that I *am* the LORD.

³⁹As for you, O house of Israel, thus saith the Lord God; Go ye, serve ye every one his idols, and hereafter *also*, if ye will not hearken unto me: but pollute ye my holy name no more with your gifts, and with your idols. ⁴⁰For in mine holy mountain, in the mountain of the height of Israel, saith the Lord God, there shall all the house of Israel, all of them in the land, serve me: there will I accept them, and there will I require your offerings, and the *firstfruits of your oblations, with all Or, chief. your holy things.

⁴¹I will accept you with your *sweet savour, Heb. savour of rest. when I bring you out from the people, and gather you out of the countries wherein ye have been scattered; and I will be sanctified in you before the heathen. ⁴²And ye shall know that I *am* the LORD, when I shall bring you into the land of

Israel, into the country *for* the which I lifted up mine hand to give it to your fathers. ⁴³And there shall ye remember your ways, and all your doings, wherein ye have been defiled; and ye shall lothe yourselves in your own sight for all your evils that ye have committed. ⁴⁴And ye shall know that I *am* the LORD, when I have wrought with you for my name's sake, not according to your wicked ways, nor according to your corrupt doings, O ye house of Israel, saith the Lord God.

⁴⁵Moreover the word of the LORD came unto me, saying,

⁴⁶Son of man, set thy face toward the south, and drop *thy word* toward the south, and prophesy against the forest of the south field; ⁴⁷and say to the forest of the south, Hear the word of the LORD; Thus saith the Lord God; Behold, I will kindle a fire in thee, and it shall devour every green tree in thee, and every dry tree: the flaming flame shall not be quenched, and all faces from the south to the north shall be burned therein. ⁴⁸And all flesh shall see that I the LORD have kindled it: it shall not be quenched.

⁴⁹Then said I, Ah Lord God! they say of me, Doth he not speak parables?

XXI. And the word of the LORD came unto me, saying,

²Son of man, set thy face toward Jerusalem, and drop *thy word* toward the holy places, and prophesy against the land of Israel, ³and say to the land of Israel, Thus saith the LORD; Behold, I *am* against thee, and will draw forth my sword out of his sheath, and will cut off from thee the righteous and the wicked. ⁴Seeing then that I will cut off

from thee the righteous and the wicked, therefore shall my sword go forth out of his sheath against all flesh from the south to the north: ⁵that all flesh may know that I the LORD have drawn forth my sword out of his sheath: it shall not return any more.

⁶Sigh therefore, thou son of man, with the breaking of *thy* loins; and with bitterness sigh before their eyes. ⁷And it shall be, when they say unto thee, Wherefore sighest thou? that thou shalt answer, For the tidings; because it cometh; and every heart shall melt, and all hands shall be feeble, and every spirit shall faint, and all knees ^{*shall} Heb. shall go into water. be weak *as* water: behold, it cometh, and shall be brought to pass, saith the Lord God.

⁸Again the word of the LORD came unto me, saying,

⁹Son of man, prophesy, and say, Thus saith the LORD; Say, A sword, a sword is sharpened, and also furbished: ¹⁰it is sharpened to make a sore slaughter; it is furbished that it may glitter: should we then make mirth? ^{*it} contemneth the rod of Or, it is the rod of my son, it despiseth every tree. my son, *as* every tree. ¹¹And he hath given it to be furbished, that it may be handled: this sword is sharpened, and it is furbished, to give it into the hand of the slayer.

¹²Cry and howl, son of man: for it shall be upon my people, it *shall be* upon all the princes of Israel:

^{*terrors} by reason of the sword shall Or, they are thrust down to the sword with my people. be upon my people: smite therefore upon *thy* thigh.

¹³^{*}Because *it is* a trial, and what if Or, When the trial hath been, what then? shall they not also belong to the despising rod? *the sword* condemn even the rod? it shall be no *more*, saith the Lord God.

¹⁴Thou, therefore, son of man, prophesy, and smite *thine* *hands together, and let the sword be ^{Heb. hand to hand.} doubled the third time, the sword of the slain: it is the sword of the great *men that are* slain, which entereth into their privy chambers. ¹⁵I have set the *point of the sword against all their ^{Or, glittering, or, fear.} gates, that *their* heart may faint, and *their* ruins be multiplied. Ah! *it is* made bright, *it is* *wrapped up for the slaughter. ¹⁶Go thee one way ^{Or, sharpened.} or other, *either* on the right hand, *or ^{Heb. set thyself, take the left hand.} on the left, whithersoever thy face *is* set. ¹⁷I will also smite mine hands together, and I will cause my fury to rest: I the LORD have said *it*.

¹⁸The word of the LORD came unto me again, saying,

¹⁹Also, thou son of man, appoint thee two ways, that the sword of the king of Babylon may come: both twain shall come forth out of one land: and choose thou a place, choose *it* at the head of the way to the city. ²⁰Appoint a way, that the sword may come to Rabbath of the Ammonites, and to Judah in Jerusalem the defenced.

²¹For the king of Babylon stood at the *parting ^{Heb. mother of the way.} of the way, at the head of the two ways, to use divination: he made *his* *arrows bright, he ^{Or, knives.} consulted with *images, he looked in the ^{Heb. teraphim.} liver. ²²At his right hand was the divination for Jerusalem, to appoint *captains, to ^{Or, battering rams. Heb. rams.} open the mouth in the slaughter, to lift up the voice with shouting, to appoint *battering* rams against the gates, to cast a mount, *and* to build a fort. ²³And it shall be unto them as a false divination in their sight, *to them that ^{Or, for the oaths made unto them.}

have sworn oaths: but he will call to remembrance the iniquity, that they may be taken.

²⁴ Therefore thus saith the Lord God; Because ye have made your iniquity to be remembered, in that your transgressions are discovered, so that in all your doings your sins do appear; because *I say*, that ye are come to remembrance, ye shall be taken with the hand. ²⁵ And thou, profane wicked prince of Israel, whose day is come, when iniquity *shall have* an end, ²⁶ thus saith the Lord God; Remove the diadem, and take off the crown: this *shall not be* the same: exalt *him that is* low, and abase *him that is* high. ²⁷ * I will Heb. Perverted, perverted, perverted, will I make it. overturn, overturn, overturn, it: and it shall be no *more*, until he come whose right it is; and I will give it *him*.

²⁸ And thou, son of man, prophesy and say, Thus saith the Lord God concerning the Ammonites, and concerning their reproach; even say thou, The sword, the sword *is* drawn: for the slaughter *it is* furbished, to consume because of the glittering: ²⁹ whiles they see vanity unto thee, whiles they divine a lie unto thee, to bring thee upon the necks of *them that are* slain, of the wicked, whose day is come, when their iniquity *shall have* an end.

³⁰ * Shall I cause *it* to return into his sheath? Or, Cause it to return. I will judge thee in the place where thou wast created, in the land of thy nativity. ³¹ And I will pour out mine indignation upon thee, I will blow against thee in the fire of my wrath, and deliver thee into the hand of * brutish men, *and* Or, burning. skilful to destroy. ³² Thou shalt be for fuel to the fire; thy blood shall be in the midst of the land; thou shalt be no *more* remembered: for I the LORD have spoken *it*.

XXII. MOREOVER the word of the LORD came unto me, saying,

² Now, thou son of man, wilt thou *judge, wilt thou judge the *bloody city? yea, thou shalt ^{Or, plead for.} ^{Heb. city of bloods.} *shew her all her abominations. ^{Heb. make her know.} ³ Then say thou, Thus saith the Lord God; The city sheddeth blood in the midst of it, that her time may come, and maketh idols against herself to defile herself. ⁴ Thou art become guilty in thy blood that thou hast shed; and hast defiled thyself in thine idols which thou hast made; and thou hast caused thy days to draw near, and art come *even* unto thy years: therefore have I made thee a reproach unto the heathen, and a mocking to all countries. ⁵ *Those that be near, and those that be far from thee,* shall mock thee, *which art* *infamous ^{Heb. polluted of name, much in vexation.} and much vexed.

⁶ Behold, the princes of Israel, every one were in thee to their *power to shed blood. ⁷ In thee ^{Heb. arm.} have they set light by father and mother: in the midst of thee have they dealt by *oppression ^{Or, deceit.} with the stranger: in thee have they vexed the fatherless and the widow. ⁸ Thou hast despised mine holy things, and hast profaned my sabbaths. ⁹ In thee are *men that carry tales to shed ^{Heb. men of slanders.} blood: and in thee they eat upon the mountains: in the midst of thee they commit lewdness. ¹⁰ In thee have they discovered their fathers' nakedness: in thee have they humbled her that was set apart for pollution. ¹¹ And *one hath committed abomination with his neighbour's wife; and *another hath *lewdly defiled his daugh- ^{Or, every one.} ^{Or, by lewdness.} ter in law; and another in thee hath humbled his sister, his father's daughter. ¹² In thee have they taken gifts to shed blood; thou hast taken usury

and increase, and thou hast greedily gained of thy neighbours by extortion, and hast forgotten me, saith the Lord God.

¹³ Behold, therefore I have smitten mine hand at thy dishonest gain which thou hast made, and at thy blood which hath been in the midst of thee. ¹⁴ Can thine heart endure, or can thine hands be strong, in the days that I shall deal with thee? I the LORD have spoken *it*, and will do *it*. ¹⁵ And I will scatter thee among the heathen, and disperse thee in the countries, and will consume thy filthiness out of thee. ¹⁶ And thou ^{*} shalt take thine Or, shalt be profaned. inheritance in thyself in the sight of the heathen, and thou shalt know that I *am* the LORD.

¹⁷ And the word of the LORD came unto me, saying,

¹⁸ Son of man, the house of Israel is to me become dross: all they *are* brass, and tin, and iron, and lead, in the midst of the furnace; they are *even* the ^{*} dross of silver. ¹⁹ Therefore thus saith Heb. drosses. the Lord God; Because ye are all become dross, behold, therefore I will gather you into the midst of Jerusalem. ²⁰ ^{*} As they gather silver, Heb. According to the gathering. and brass, and iron, and lead, and tin, into the midst of the furnace, to blow the fire upon it, to melt *it*; so will I gather *you* in mine anger and in my fury, and I will leave *you there*, and melt you. ²¹ Yea, I will gather you, and blow upon you in the fire of my wrath, and ye shall be melted in the midst thereof. ²² As silver is melted in the midst of the furnace, so shall ye be melted in the midst thereof; and ye shall know that I the LORD have poured out my fury upon you.

²³ And the word of the LORD came unto me, saying,

²⁴ Son of man, say unto her, Thou *art* the land that is not cleansed, nor rained upon in the day of indignation. ²⁵ *There is* a conspiracy of her prophets in the midst thereof, like a roaring lion ravening the prey; they have devoured souls; they have taken the treasure and precious things; they have made her many widows in the midst thereof.

²⁶ Her priests have ^{Heb. offered violence to.} *violated my law, and have profaned mine holy things: they have put no difference between the holy and profane, neither have they shewed *difference* between the unclean and the clean, and have hid their eyes from my sabbaths, and I am profaned among them. ²⁷ Her princes in the midst thereof, *are* like wolves ravening the prey, to shed blood, *and* to destroy souls, to get dishonest gain. ²⁸ And her prophets have daubed them with untempered *morter*, seeing vanity, and divining lies unto them, saying, Thus saith the Lord God, when the LORD hath not spoken. ²⁹ The people of the land have used ^{Or, deceit.} *oppression, and exercised robbery, and have vexed the poor and needy: yea, they have oppressed the stranger ^{Heb. without right.} *wrongfully.

³⁰ And I sought for a man among them, that should make up the hedge, and stand in the gap before me for the land, that I should not destroy it: but I found none. ³¹ Therefore have I poured out mine indignation upon them; I have consumed them with the fire of my wrath: their own way have I recompensed upon their heads, saith the Lord God.

XXIII. The word of the LORD came again unto me, saying,

² Son of man, there were two women, the daughters

of one mother: ³and they committed whoredoms in Egypt; they committed whoredoms in their youth: there were their breasts pressed, and there they bruised the teats of their virginity. ⁴And the names of them *were* Aholah the elder, and Aholibah her sister: and they were mine, and they bare sons and daughters. Thus *were* their names; Samaria is **Aholah*, and Jeru-
That is, *His tent*,
or, *tabernacle*.
That is, *My tabernacle in her*.
 salem **Aholibah*.

⁵And Aholah played the harlot when she was mine; and she doted on her lovers, on the Assyrians *her* neighbours, ⁶*which were* clothed with blue, captains and rulers, all of them desirable young men, horsemen riding upon horses. ⁷Thus she **committed* her whoredoms with them, with all Heb. bestowed her whoredoms upon them. them *that were* **the* chosen men of Heb. the choice of the children of Asshur. Assyria, and with all on whom she doted: with all their idols she defiled herself. ⁸Neither left she her whoredoms *brought* from Egypt: for in her youth they lay with her. and they bruised the breasts of her virginity, and poured their whoredom upon her. ⁹Wherefore I have delivered her into the hand of her lovers, into the hand of the Assyrians, upon whom she doted. ¹⁰These discovered her nakedness: they took her sons and her daughters, and slew her with the sword: and she became **famous* among women; for Heb. a name. they had executed judgment upon her.

¹¹And when her sister Aholibah saw *this*, **she* Heb. she corrupted her inordinate love more than, &c. was more corrupt in her inordinate love than she, and in her whoredoms **more* Heb. more than the whoredoms of her sister. than her sister in *her* whoredoms. ¹²She doted upon the Assyrians *her* neighbours, captains and rulers clothed most gorgeously, horsemen riding upon horses, all of them desirable young

men. ¹³Then I saw that she was defiled, *that* they took both one way, ¹⁴and *that* she increased her whoredoms: for when she saw men pourtrayed upon the wall, the images of the Chaldeans pourtrayed with vermilion, ¹⁵girded with girdles upon their loins, exceeding in dyed attire upon their heads, all of them princes to look to, after the manner of the Babylonians of Chaldea, the land of their nativity: ¹⁶and *as soon as she saw ^{Heb. at the sight of her eyes.} them with her eyes, she doted upon them, and sent messengers unto them into Chaldea. ¹⁷And the *Babylonians came to her into the ^{Heb. children of Babel.} bed of love, and they defiled her with their whoredom, and she was polluted with them, and her mind was *alienated from them. ^{Heb. loosed, or, disjointed.}

¹⁸So she discovered her whoredoms, and discovered her nakedness: then my mind was alienated from her, like as my mind was alienated from her sister. ¹⁹Yet she multiplied her whoredoms, in calling to remembrance the days of her youth, wherein she had played the harlot in the land of Egypt. ²⁰For she doted upon their paramours, whose flesh *is as* the flesh of asses, and whose issue *is like* the issue of horses. ²¹Thus thou calledst to remembrance the lewdness of thy youth, in bruising thy teats by the Egyptians for the paps of thy youth.

²²Therefore, O Aholibah, thus saith the Lord God; Behold, I will raise up thy lovers against thee, from whom thy mind is alienated, and I will bring them against thee on every side; ²³the Babylonians, and all the Chaldeans, Pekod, and Shoa, and Koa, *and* all the Assyrians with them: all of them desirable young men, captains and rulers, great lords and renowned, all of them riding upon horses. ²⁴And they shall come against thee with chariots,

wagons, and wheels, and with an assembly of people, *which* shall set against thee buckler and shield and helmet round about: and I will set judgment before them, and they shall judge thee according to their judgments. ²⁵And I will set my jealousy against thee, and they shall deal furiously with thee: they shall take away thy nose and thine ears; and thy remnant shall fall by the sword; they shall take thy sons and thy daughters; and thy residue shall be devoured by the fire. ²⁶They shall also strip thee out of thy clothes, and take away thy ^{*}fair jewels. ²⁷Thus ^{Heb. instruments of thy decking.} will I make thy lewdness to cease from thee, and thy whoredom *brought* from the land of Egypt: so that thou shalt not lift up thine eyes unto them, nor remember Egypt any more.

²⁸For thus saith the Lord God; Behold, I will deliver thee into the hand *of them* whom thou hatest, into the hand *of them* from whom thy mind is alienated: ²⁹and they shall deal with thee hatefully, and shall take away all thy labour, and shall leave thee naked and bare: and the nakedness of thy whoredoms shall be discovered, both thy lewdness and thy whoredoms. ³⁰I will do these *things* unto thee, because thou hast gone a whoring after the heathen, *and* because thou art polluted with their idols.

³¹Thou hast walked in the way of thy sister; therefore will I give her cup into thine hand. ³²Thus saith the Lord God; Thou shalt drink of thy sister's cup deep and large: thou shalt be laughed to scorn and had in derision; it containeth much. ³³Thou shalt be filled with drunkenness and sorrow, with the cup of astonishment and desolation, with the cup of thy sister Samaria. ³⁴Thou shalt even drink it and suck *it* out, and thou shalt break the sherds

thereof, and pluck off thine own breasts: for I have spoken *it*, saith the Lord God. ³⁵ Therefore thus saith the Lord God; Because thou hast forgotten me, and cast me behind thy back, therefore bear thou also thy lewdness and thy whoredoms.

³⁶ The LORD said moreover unto me;

Son of man, wilt thou *judge Aholah and Aho-^{Or, *plead for.*} libah? yea, declare unto them their abominations; ³⁷ that they have committed adultery, and blood *is* in their hands, and with their idols have they committed adultery, and have also caused their sons, whom they bare unto me, to pass for them through *the fire*, to devour *them*. ³⁸ Moreover this they have done unto me: they have defiled my sanctuary in the same day, and have profaned my sabbaths. ³⁹ For when they had slain their children to their idols, then they came the same day into my sanctuary to profane it; and, lo, thus have they done in the midst of mine house. ⁴⁰ And furthermore, that ye have sent for men *to come from far, unto whom a messenger *was* sent; ^{Heb. *coming.*} and, lo, they came: for whom thou didst wash thyself, paintedst thy eyes, and deckedst thyself with ornaments, ⁴¹ and satest upon a *stately bed, and a table prepared before it, whereupon ^{Heb. *honourable.*} thou hast set mine incense and mine oil. ⁴² And a voice of a multitude being at ease *was* with her: and with the men *of the common sort ^{Heb. *of the multitude of men.*} *were* brought *Sabæans from the wilder-^{Or, *drunkards.*} ness, which put bracelets upon their hands, and beautiful crowns upon their heads.

⁴³ Then said I unto *her that was* old in adulteries, Will they now commit *whoredoms with her, ^{Heb. *her whoredoms.*} and she *with them*? ⁴⁴ Yet they went in unto

her, as they go in unto a woman that playeth the harlot: so went they in unto Aholah and unto Aholibah the lewd women. ⁴⁵And the righteous men, they shall judge them after the manner of adulteresses, and after the manner of women that shed blood: because they *are* adulteresses, and blood *is* in their hands.

⁴⁶For thus saith the Lord God; I will bring up a company upon them, and will give them ^{*}to be removed and spoiled. ⁴⁷And the company ^{Heb. for a removing and spoil.} shall stone them with stones, and ^{*}dispatch ^{Or, single them out.} them with their swords; they shall slay their sons and their daughters, and burn up their houses with fire. ⁴⁸Thus will I cause lewdness to cease out of the land, that all women may be taught not to do after your lewdness. ⁴⁹And they shall recompense your lewdness upon you, and ye shall bear the sins of your idols: and ye shall know that I *am* the Lord God.

XXIV. AGAIN in the ninth year, in the tenth month, in the tenth *day* of the month, the word of the LORD came unto me, saying, ²Son of man, write thee the name of the day, *even* of this same day: the king of Babylon set himself against Jerusalem this same day. ³And utter a parable unto the rebellious house, and say unto them,

Thus saith the Lord God; Set on a pot, set *it* on, and also pour water into it: ⁴gather the pieces thereof into it, *even* every good piece, the thigh, and the shoulder; fill *it* with the choice bones. ⁵Take the choice of the flock, and ^{*}burn also the bones ^{Or, heap.} under it, *and* make it boil well, and let them seethe the bones of it therein.

⁶Wherefore thus saith the Lord God; Woe to the

- bloody city, to the pot whose scum *is* therein, and whose scum is not gone out of it! bring it out piece by piece; let no lot fall upon it. ⁷For her blood is in the midst of her; she set it upon the top of a rock; she poured it not upon the ground, to cover it with dust; ⁸that it might cause fury to come up to take vengeance; I have set her blood upon the top of a rock, that it should not be covered. ⁹Therefore thus saith the Lord God, Woe to the bloody city; I will even make the pile for fire great. ¹⁰Heap on wood, kindle the fire, consume the flesh, and spice it well, and let the bones be burnt. ¹¹Then set it empty upon the coals thereof, that the brass of it may be hot, and may burn, and *that* the filthiness of it may be molten in it, *that* the scum of it may be consumed. ¹²She hath wearied *herself* with lies, and her great scum went not forth out of her: her scum *shall be* in the fire.
- ¹³In thy filthiness *is* lewdness: because I have purged thee, and thou wast not purged, thou shalt not be purged from thy filthiness any more, till I have caused my fury to rest upon thee. ¹⁴I the LORD have spoken *it*: it shall come to pass, and I will do *it*; I will not go back, neither will I spare, neither will I repent; according to thy ways, and according to thy doings, shall they judge thee, saith the Lord God.
- ¹⁵Also the word of the LORD came unto me, saying,
- ¹⁶Son of man, behold, I take away from thee the desire of thine eyes with a stroke: yet neither shalt thou mourn nor weep, neither shall thy tears ^{*}run Heb. go. down. ¹⁷^{*}Forbear to cry, make no Heb. Be silent. mourning for the dead, bind the tire of thine head upon thee, and put on thy shoes upon thy feet,

and cover not *thy* *lips, and eat not the bread of men. Heb. upper lip.

¹⁸ So I spake unto the people in the morning: and at even my wife died; and I did in the morning as I was commanded. ¹⁹ And the people said unto me, Wilt thou not tell us what these *things are* to us, that thou doest *so*? ²⁰ Then I answered them, The word of the LORD came unto me, saying, ²¹ Speak unto the house of Israel,

Thus saith the Lord God; Behold, I will profane my sanctuary, the excellency of your strength, the desire of your eyes, and *that which your ^{Heb. the pity of your soul.} soul pitieth; and your sons and your daughters whom ye have left shall fall by the sword. ²² And ye shall do as I have done: ye shall not cover *your* lips, nor eat the bread of men. ²³ And your tires *shall be* upon your heads, and your shoes upon your feet: ye shall not mourn nor weep; but ye shall pine away for your iniquities, and mourn one toward another. ²⁴ Thus Ezekiel is unto you a sign: according to all that he hath done shall ye do: and when this cometh, ye shall know that I *am* the Lord God.

²⁵ Also, thou son of man, *shall it* not *be* in the day when I take from them their strength, the joy of their glory, the desire of their eyes, and *that whereupon they set their minds, their ^{Heb. the lifting up of their soul.} sons and their daughters, ²⁶ *that* he that escapeth in that day shall come unto thee, to cause *thee* to hear *it* with *thine* ears? ²⁷ In that day shall thy mouth be opened to him which is escaped, and thou shalt speak, and be no more dumb: and thou shalt be a sign unto them; and they shall know that I *am* the LORD.

XXV. THE word of the LORD came again unto me, saying, ² Son of man, set thy face against the Ammonites, and prophesy against them, ³ and say unto the Ammonites,

Hear the word of the Lord God; Thus saith the Lord God; Because thou saidst, Aha, against my sanctuary, when it was profaned; and against the land of Israel, when it was desolate; and against the house of Judah, when they went into captivity; ⁴ Behold, therefore I will deliver thee to the ^{*}men of the east for a possession, and they shall Heb. children. set their palaces in thee, and make their dwellings in thee: they shall eat thy fruit, and they shall drink thy milk. ⁵ And I will make Rabbah a stable for camels, and the Ammonites a couching-place for flocks: and ye shall know that I *am* the LORD.

⁶ For thus saith the Lord God; Because thou hast clapped *thine* ^{*}hands, and stamped with the Heb. hand. ^{*}feet, and rejoiced in ^{*}heart with all thy Heb. foot. Heb. soul. despite against the land of Israel; ⁷ behold, therefore I will stretch out mine hand upon thee, and will deliver thee for ^{*}a spoil to the heathen; Or, meat. and I will cut thee off from the people, and I will cause thee to perish out of the countries: I will destroy thee; and thou shalt know that I *am* the LORD.

⁸ Thus saith the Lord God; Because that Moab and Seir do say, Behold, the house of Judah *is* like unto all the heathen; ⁹ therefore, behold, I will open the ^{*}side of Moab from the cities, Heb. shoulder of Moab. from his cities *which are* on his frontiers, the glory of the country, Beth-jeshimoth, Baal-meon, and Kiriathaim, ¹⁰ unto the men of the east ^{*}with the Ammonites, and will give them in pos- Or, against the children of Ammon.

session, that the Ammonites may not be remembered among the nations. ¹¹And I will execute judgments upon Moab; and they shall know that I *am* the LORD.

¹² Thus saith the Lord God; Because that Edom hath dealt against the house of Judah *by <sup>Heb. by revenging
revengement.</sup> taking vengeance, and hath greatly offended, and revenged himself upon them; ¹³ therefore thus saith the Lord God; I will also stretch out mine hand upon Edom, and will cut off man and beast from it; and I will make it desolate from Teman; and *they of Dedan shall fall by the <sup>Or, they shall fall by
the sword unto Dedan.</sup> sword. ¹⁴ And I will lay my vengeance upon Edom by the hand of my people Israel: and they shall do in Edom according to mine anger and according to my fury; and they shall know my vengeance, saith the Lord God.

¹⁵ Thus saith the Lord God; Because the Philistines have dealt by revenge, and have taken vengeance with a despiteful heart, to destroy *it* *for <sup>Or, with per-
petual hatred.</sup> the old hatred; ¹⁶ therefore thus saith the Lord God; Behold, I will stretch out mine hand upon the Philistines, and I will cut off the Cherethims, and destroy the remnant of the *sea coast. <sup>Or, haven
of the sea.</sup> ¹⁷ And I will execute great *vengeance upon <sup>Heb. ven-
geances.</sup> them with furious rebukes; and they shall know that I *am* the LORD, when I shall lay my vengeance upon them.

XXVI. AND it came to pass in the eleventh year, in the first *day* of the month, *that* the word of the LORD came unto me, saying,

² Son of man, because that Tyrus hath said against Jerusalem, Aha, she is broken *that was* the gates of the people: she is turned unto me: I shall be

replenished, *now* she is laid waste: ³ Therefore thus saith the Lord God; Behold, *I am* against thee, O Tyrus, and will cause many nations to come up against thee, as the sea causeth his waves to come up. ⁴ And they shall destroy the walls of Tyrus, and break down her towers: I will also scrape her dust from her, and make her like the top of a rock. ⁵ It shall be *a place for* the spreading of nets in the midst of the sea: for I have spoken *it*, saith the Lord God: and it shall become a spoil to the nations. ⁶ And her daughters which *are* in the field shall be slain by the sword; and they shall know that *I am* the LORD.

⁷ For thus saith the Lord God; Behold, I will bring upon Tyrus Nebuchadrezzar king of Babylon, a king of kings, from the north, with horses, and with chariots, and with horsemen, and companies, and much people. ⁸ He shall slay with the sword thy daughters in the field: and he shall make a fort against thee, and ^{*} cast a mount Or, pour out the engine of shot. against thee, and lift up the buckler against thee. ⁹ And he shall set engines of war against thy walls, and with his axes he shall break down thy towers. ¹⁰ By reason of the abundance of his horses their dust shall cover thee: thy walls shall shake at the noise of the horsemen, and of the wheels, and of the chariots, when he shall enter into thy gates, ^{*} as men enter into a city wherein is Heb. according to the enterings of a city broken up. made a breach. ¹¹ With the hoofs of his horses shall he tread down all thy streets: he shall slay thy people by the sword, and thy strong garrisons shall go down to the ground. ¹² And they shall make a spoil of thy riches, and make a prey of thy merchandise: and they shall break down thy walls, and destroy ^{*} thy pleasant Heb. houses of thy desire.

houses: and they shall lay thy stones and thy timber and thy dust in the midst of the water. ¹³And I will cause the noise of thy songs to cease; and the sound of thy harps shall be no more heard. ¹⁴And I will make thee like the top of a rock: thou shalt be *a place* to spread nets upon; thou shalt be built no more: for I the LORD have spoken *it*, saith the Lord God.

¹⁵ Thus saith the Lord GOD to Tyrus; Shall not the isles shake at the sound of thy fall, when the wounded cry, when the slaughter is made in the midst of thee? ¹⁶ Then all the princes of the sea shall come down from their thrones, and lay away their robes, and put off their brodered garments: they shall clothe themselves with *trem- Heb. *tremblings.* bling; they shall sit upon the ground, and shall tremble at *every* moment, and be astonished at thee. ¹⁷ And they shall take up a lamentation for thee, and say to thee, How art thou destroyed, *that wast* inhabited *of seafaring men, the re- Heb. *of the seas.* nowned city, which wast strong in the sea, she and her inhabitants, which cause their terror *to be* on all that haunt it! ¹⁸ Now shall the isles tremble in the day of thy fall; yea, the isles that *are* in the sea shall be troubled at thy departure.

¹⁹ For thus saith the Lord GOD; When I shall make thee a desolate city, like the cities that are not inhabited; when I shall bring up the deep upon thee, and great waters shall cover thee; ²⁰ when I shall bring thee down with them that descend into the pit, with the people of old time, and shall set thee in the low parts of the earth, in places desolate of old, with them that go down to the pit, that thou be not inhabited; and I shall set glory in the land of the living; ²¹ I will make thee *a Heb. *terrors.*

terror, and thou *shalt be no more*: though thou be sought for, yet shalt thou never be found again, saith the Lord God.

XXVII. The word of the LORD came again unto me, saying, ² Now, thou son of man, take up a lamentation for Tyrus; ³ and say unto Tyrus,

O thou that art situate at the entry of the sea, *which art a merchant of the people for many isles*, Thus saith the Lord God;

O Tyrus, thou hast said, I *am* *of perfect ^{Heb. perfect of beauty.} beauty. ⁴ Thy borders *are* in the *midst of ^{Heb. heart.} the seas, thy builders have perfected thy beauty. ⁵ They have *made all thy *ship* boards of fir ^{Heb. built.} trees of Senir: they have taken cedars from Lebanon to make masts for thee. ⁶ *Of* the oaks of Bashan have they made thine oars; *the ^{Or, they have made thy hatches of ivory well trodden.} *company of the Ashurites have made ^{Heb. daughters.} thy benches *of* ivory, *brought* out of the isles of Chittim. ⁷ Fine linen with broidered work from Egypt was that which thou spreadest forth to be thy sail; *blue and purple from the isles ^{Or, purple and scarlet.} of Elishah was that which covered thee.

⁸ The inhabitants of Zidon and Arvad were thy mariners: thy wise *men*, O Tyrus, *that* were in thee, were thy pilots. ⁹ The ancients of Gebal and the wise *men* thereof were in thee thy *calkers: ^{Or, stoppers of chinks.} all the ships of the sea with their mariners ^{Heb. strengtheners.} were in thee to occupy thy merchandise.

¹⁰ They of Persia and of Lud and of Phut were in thine army, thy men of war: they hanged the shield and helmet in thee; they set forth thy comeliness.

¹¹ The men of Arvad with thine army *were* upon thy walls round about, and the Gammadims were in thy towers: they hanged their shields upon thy

walls round about; they have made thy beauty perfect.

¹² Tarshish *was* thy merchant by reason of the multitude of all *kind of* riches; with silver, iron, tin, and lead, they traded in thy fairs. ¹³ Javan, Tubal, and Meshech, they *were* thy merchants: they traded the persons of men and vessels of brass in thy *market. ¹⁴ They of the house of Togarmah Or, merchandise. traded in thy fairs with horses and horsemen and mules. ¹⁵ The men of Dedan *were* thy merchants; many isles *were* the merchandise of thine hand: they brought thee *for* a present horns of ivory and ebony. ¹⁶ Syria *was* thy merchant by reason of the multitude of *the wares of thy making: Heb. thy works. they occupied in thy fairs with emeralds, purple, and brodered work, and fine linen, and coral, and *agate. Heb. chrysoprase.

¹⁷ Judah, and the land of Israel, they *were* thy merchants: they traded in thy market wheat of Minnith, and Pannag, and honey, and oil, and *balm.

¹⁸ Damascus *was* thy merchant in the multi- Or, rosin. tude of the wares of thy making, for the multitude of all riches; in the wine of Helbon, and white wool. ¹⁹ Dan also and Javan *going to and Or, Meuzal. fro occupied in thy fairs: bright iron, cassia, and calamus, were in thy market.

²⁰ Dedan *was* thy merchant in *precious clothes for chariots. Heb. clothes of freedom.

²¹ Arabia, and all the princes of Kedar, *they occupied with thee in lambs, and rams, and goats: in these *were they* thy merchants. Heb. they were the merchants of thy hand.

²² The merchants of Sheba and Raamah, they *were* thy merchants: they occupied in thy fairs with chief of all spices, and with all precious stones, and gold. ²³ Haran, and Canneh, and Eden, the merchants of Sheba, Asshur, and Chilmad, *were*

thy merchants. ²⁴ These *were* thy merchants in *all sorts of *things*, in blue *clothes, and ^{Or, excellent things.} broidered work, and in chests of rich ap- ^{Heb. foldings.} parel, bound with cords, and made of cedar, among thy merchandise. ²⁵ The ships of Tarshish did sing of thee in thy market: and thou wast replenished, and made very glorious in the midst of the seas.

²⁶ Thy rowers have brought thee into great waters: the east wind hath broken thee in the *midst of ^{Heb. heart.} the seas. ²⁷ Thy riches, and thy fairs, thy merchandise, thy mariners, and thy pilots, thy calkers, and the occupiers of thy merchandise, and all thy men of war, that *are* in thee, *and in all thy ^{Or, even with all.} company which *is* in the midst of thee, shall fall into the *midst of the seas in the day of thy ^{Heb. heart.} ruin. ²⁸ The *suburbs shall shake at the ^{Or, waves.} sound of the cry of thy pilots. ²⁹ And all that handle the oar, the mariners, *and* all the pilots of the sea, shall come down from their ships, they shall stand upon the land; ³⁰ and shall cause their voice to be heard against thee, and shall cry bitterly, and shall cast up dust upon their heads, they shall wallow themselves in the ashes: ³¹ and they shall make themselves utterly bald for thee, and gird them with sackcloth, and they shall weep for thee with bitterness of heart *and* bitter wailing.

³² And in their wailing they shall take up a lamentation for thee, and lament over thee, *saying*, What *city* is like Tyrus, like the destroyed in the midst of the sea? ³³ When thy wares went forth out of the seas, thou filledst many people; thou didst enrich the kings of the earth with the multitude of thy riches and of thy merchandise. ³⁴ In the time *when* thou shalt be broken by the seas in the depths of

the waters thy merchandise and all thy company in the midst of thee shall fall. ³⁵ All the inhabitants of the isles shall be astonished at thee, and their kings shall be sore afraid, they shall be troubled in *their* countenance. ³⁶ The merchants among the people shall hiss at thee; thou shalt be ^{*a} Heb. terrors. terror, and ^{*}never *shalt be* any more. Heb. shalt not be for ever.

XXVIII. The word of the LORD came again unto me, saying, ² Son of man, say unto the prince of Tyrus, Thus saith the Lord God;

Because thine heart *is* lifted up, and thou hast said, I *am* a god, I sit *in* the seat of God, in the ^{*}midst of the seas; yet thou *art* a man, and not God, Heb. heart. though thou set thine heart as the heart of God: ³ Behold, thou *art* wiser than Daniel; there is no secret that they can hide from thee: ⁴ with thy wisdom and with thine understanding thou hast gotten thee riches, and hast gotten gold and silver into thy treasures: ⁵ ^{*}by thy great Heb. by the greatness of thy wisdom. wisdom *and* by thy traffick hast thou increased thy riches, and thine heart is lifted up because of thy riches:

⁶ Therefore thus saith the Lord God; Because thou hast set thine heart as the heart of God; ⁷ behold, therefore I will bring strangers upon thee, the terrible of the nations: and they shall draw their swords against the beauty of thy wisdom, and they shall defile thy brightness. ⁸ They shall bring thee down to the pit, and thou shalt die the deaths of *them that are* slain in the midst of the seas. ⁹ Wilt thou yet say before him that slayeth thee, I *am* God? but thou *shalt be* a man, and no God, in the hand of him that ^{*}slayeth thee. ¹⁰ Thou Or, woundeth. shalt die the deaths of the uncircumcised by the

hand of strangers: for I have spoken *it*, saith the Lord God.

¹¹ Moreover the word of the LORD came unto me, saying, ¹² Son of man, take up a lamentation upon the king of Tyrus, and say unto him, Thus saith the Lord God;

Thou sealest up the sum, full of wisdom, and perfect in beauty. ¹³ Thou hast been in Eden the garden of God; every precious stone *was* thy covering, the *sardius, topaz, and the diamond, the *beryl, ^{Or, ruby.} the onyx, and the jasper, the sapphire, the ^{Or, chryso-}lite. *emerald, and the carbuncle, and gold: ^{Or, chrysoprase.} the workmanship of thy tabrets and of thy pipes was prepared in thee in the day that thou wast created. ¹⁴ Thou *art* the anointed cherub that covereth; and I have set thee *so*: thou wast upon the holy mountain of God; thou hast walked up and down in the midst of the stones of fire. ¹⁵ Thou *wast* perfect in thy ways from the day that thou wast created, till iniquity was found in thee.

¹⁶ By the multitude of thy merchandise they have filled the midst of thee with violence, and thou hast sinned: therefore I will cast thee as profane out of the mountain of God: and I will destroy thee, O covering cherub, from the midst of the stones of fire. ¹⁷ Thine heart was lifted up because of thy beauty, thou hast corrupted thy wisdom by reason of thy brightness: I will cast thee to the ground, I will lay thee before kings, that they may behold thee. ¹⁸ Thou hast defiled thy sanctuaries by the multitude of thine iniquities, by the iniquity of thy traffick; therefore will I bring forth a fire from the midst of thee, it shall devour thee, and I will bring thee to ashes upon the earth

in the sight of all them that behold thee. ¹⁹ All they that know thee among the people shall be astonished at thee: thou shalt be *a terror, *Heb. terrors.* and never *shalt* thou *be* any more.

²⁰ Again the word of the LORD came unto me, saying, ²¹ Son of man, set thy face against Zidon, and prophesy against it, ²² and say, Thus saith the Lord God;

Behold, I *am* against thee, O Zidon; and I will be glorified in the midst of thee: and they shall know that I *am* the LORD, when I shall have executed judgments in her, and shall be sanctified in her

²³ For I will send into her pestilence, and blood into her streets; and the wounded shall be judged in the midst of her by the sword upon her on every side; and they shall know that I *am* the LORD.

²⁴ And there shall be no more a pricking brier unto the house of Israel, nor *any* grieving thorn of all *that are* round about them, that despised them; and they shall know that I *am* the Lord God.

²⁵ Thus saith the Lord God; When I shall have gathered the house of Israel from the people among whom they are scattered, and shall be sanctified in them in the sight of the heathen, then shall they dwell in their land that I have given to my servant Jacob. ²⁶ And they shall dwell *safely therein, and shall build houses, and *Or, with confidence.* plant vineyards; yea, they shall dwell with confidence when I have executed judgments upon all those that *despise them round about them; *Or, spoil.* and they shall know that I *am* the Lord their God.

XXIX. IN the tenth year, in the tenth *month*, in the twelfth *day* of the month, the word of the LORD

came unto me, saying, ² Son of man, set thy face against Pharaoh king of Egypt, and prophesy against him, and against all Egypt: ³ speak, and say, Thus saith the Lord God;

Behold, I *am* against thee, Pharaoh king of Egypt, the great dragon that lieth in the midst of his rivers, which hath said, My river *is* mine own, and I have made *it* for myself. ⁴ But I will put hooks in thy jaws, and I will cause the fish of thy rivers to stick unto thy scales, and I will bring thee up out of the midst of thy rivers, and all the fish of thy rivers shall stick unto thy scales. ⁵ And I will leave thee *thrown* into the wilderness, thee and all the fish of thy rivers: thou shalt fall upon the *open fields; thou shalt not be brought ^{Heb. face of the field.} together, nor gathered: I have given thee for meat to the beasts of the field and to the fowls of the heaven. ⁶ And all the inhabitants of Egypt shall know that I *am* the LORD, because they have been a staff of reed to the house of Israel. ⁷ When they took hold of thee by thy hand, thou didst break, and rend all their shoulder: and when they leaned upon thee, thou brakest, and madest all their loins to be at a stand.

⁸ Therefore thus saith the Lord God; Behold, I will bring a sword upon thee, and cut off man and beast out of thee. ⁹ And the land of Egypt shall be desolate and waste; and they shall know that I *am* the LORD: because he hath said, The river *is* mine, and I have made *it*. ¹⁰ Behold, therefore I *am* against thee, and against thy rivers, and I will make the land of Egypt *utterly waste ^{Heb. wastes of waste.} and desolate, *from the tower of *Syene ^{Or, from Migdol to Syene.} even unto the border of Ethiopia. ¹¹ No ^{Heb. Seveneh.}

foot of man shall pass through it, nor foot of beast shall pass through it, neither shall it be inhabited forty years. ¹²And I will make the land of Egypt desolate in the midst of the countries *that are* desolate, and her cities among the cities *that are* laid waste shall be desolate forty years: and I will scatter the Egyptians among the nations, and will disperse them through the countries.

¹³Yet thus saith the Lord God; At the end of forty years will I gather the Egyptians from the people whither they were scattered: ¹⁴and I will bring again the captivity of Egypt, and will cause them to return *into* the land of Pathros, into the land of their ^{*}habitation; and they shall be there a *Or, birth.* ^{*}base kingdom. ¹⁵It shall be the basest of *Heb. low.* the kingdoms; neither shall it exalt itself any more above the nations: for I will diminish them, that they shall no more rule over the nations. ¹⁶And it shall be no more the confidence of the house of Israel, which bringeth *their* iniquity to remembrance, when they shall look after them: but they shall know that I *am* the Lord God.

¹⁷And it came to pass in the seven and twentieth year, in the first *month*, in the first *day* of the month, the word of the LORD came unto me, saying,

¹⁸Son of man, Nebuchadrezzar king of Babylon caused his army to serve a great service against Tyrus: every head *was* made bald, and every shoulder *was* peeled: yet had he no wages, nor his army, for Tyrus, for the service that he had served against it: ¹⁹therefore thus saith the Lord God; Behold, I will give the land of Egypt unto Nebuchadrezzar king of Babylon: and he shall take her multitude, and ^{*}take her spoil, *Heb. spoil her spoil, and prey her prey.*

and take her prey; and it shall be the wages for his army. ²⁰I have given him the land of Egypt ^{*for} his labour wherewith he served against ^{Or, for his hire.} it, because they wrought for me, saith the Lord GOD. ²¹In that day will I cause the horn of the house of Israel to bud forth, and I will give thee the opening of the mouth in the midst of them; and they shall know that I *am* the LORD.

XXX. The word of the LORD came again unto me, saying, ²Son of man, prophesy and say, Thus saith the Lord GOD;

Howl ye, Woe worth the day! ³For the day *is* near, even the day of the LORD *is* near, a cloudy day; it shall be the time of the heathen. ⁴And the sword shall come upon Egypt, and great ^{*}pain shall ^{Or, fear.} be in Ethiopia, when the slain shall fall in Egypt, and they shall take away her multitude, and her foundation shall be broken down. ⁵Ethiopia, and ^{*}Libya, and Lydia, and all the mingled ^{Heb. Phut.} people, and Chub, and the ^{*}men of the ^{Heb. children.} land that is in league, shall fall with them by the sword.

⁶Thus saith the LORD; They also that uphold Egypt shall fall; and the pride of her power shall come down: ^{*}from the tower of Syene shall ^{Or, from Migdol to Syene.} they fall in it by the sword, saith the Lord GOD. ⁷And they shall be desolate in the midst of the countries *that are* desolate, and her cities shall be in the midst of the cities *that are* wasted. ⁸And they shall know that I *am* the LORD, when I have set a fire in Egypt, and *when* all her helpers shall be ^{*}destroyed. ⁹In that day shall mes- ^{Heb. broken.} sengers go forth from me in ships to make the careless Ethiopians afraid, and great pain shall

come upon them, as in the day of Egypt: for, lo, it cometh.

¹⁰ Thus saith the Lord GOD; I will also make the multitude of Egypt to cease by the hand of Nebuchadrezzar king of Babylon. ¹¹ He and his people with him, the terrible of the nations, shall be brought to destroy the land: and they shall draw their swords against Egypt, and fill the land with the slain. ¹² And I will make the rivers *dry, and sell the land into the hand of the wicked: Heb. drought. and I will make the land waste, and *all Heb. the fulness thereof. that is therein, by the hand of strangers: I the LORD have spoken *it*.

¹³ Thus saith the Lord GOD; I will also destroy the idols, and I will cause *their* images to cease out of Noph; and there shall be no more a prince of the land of Egypt: and I will put a fear in the land of Egypt. ¹⁴ And I will make Pathros desolate, and will set fire in *Zoan, and will execute Or, Tanis. judgments in No. ¹⁵ And I will pour my fury upon *Sin, the strength of Egypt; and I Or, Pelusium. will cut off the multitude of No. ¹⁶ And I will set fire in Egypt: Sin shall have great pain, and No shall be rent asunder, and Noph *shall have* distresses daily. ¹⁷ The young men of *Aven Or, Helio-polis. and of *Pi-beseth shall fall by the sword: Or, Pubastum. and these *cities* shall go into captivity. ¹⁸ At Tehaphnehes also the day shall be *darkened, Or, restrained. when I shall break there the yokes of Egypt: and the pomp of her strength shall cease in her: as for her, a cloud shall cover her, and her daughters shall go into captivity. ¹⁹ Thus will I execute judgments in Egypt: and they shall know that *I am* the LORD.

²⁰ And it came to pass in the eleventh year, in the

first *month*, in the seventh *day* of the month, *that* the word of the LORD came unto me, saying,

²¹ Son of man, I have broken the arm of Pharaoh king of Egypt; and, lo, it shall not be bound up to be healed, to put a roller to bind it, to make it strong to hold the sword. ²² Therefore thus saith the Lord God; Behold, I *am* against Pharaoh king of Egypt, and will break his arms, the strong, and that which was broken; and I will cause the sword to fall out of his hand. ²³ And I will scatter the Egyptians among the nations, and will disperse them through the countries.

²⁴ And I will strengthen the arms of the king of Babylon, and put my sword in his hand: but I will break Pharaoh's arms, and he shall groan before him with the groanings of a deadly wounded *man*. ²⁵ But I will strengthen the arms of the king of Babylon, and the arms of Pharaoh shall fall down; and they shall know that I *am* the LORD, when I shall put my sword into the hand of the king of Babylon, and he shall stretch it out upon the land of Egypt. ²⁶ And I will scatter the Egyptians among the nations, and disperse them among the countries; and they shall know that I *am* the LORD.

XXXI. And it came to pass in the eleventh year, in the third *month*, in the first *day* of the month, *that* the word of the LORD came unto me, saying, ² Son of man, speak unto Pharaoh king of Egypt, and to his multitude;

Whom art thou like in thy greatness? ³ Behold, the Assyrian *was* a cedar in Lebanon * with ^{Heb. fair of branches.} fair branches, and with a shadowing shroud, and of an high stature; and his top was among the

thick boughs. ⁴The waters *made him Or, nourished.
 great, the deep *set him up on high with Or, brought him up.
 her rivers running round about his plants, and
 sent out her *little rivers unto all the trees Or, conduits.
 of the field. ⁵Therefore his height was exalted
 above all the trees of the field, and his boughs
 were multiplied, and his branches became long be-
 cause of the multitude of waters, *when Or, when it sent them forth.
 he shot forth. ⁶All the fowls of heaven made their
 nests in his boughs, and under his branches did
 all the beasts of the field bring forth their young,
 and under his shadow dwelt all great nations.
⁷Thus was he fair in his greatness, in the length
 of his branches: for his root was by great waters.
⁸The cedars in the garden of God could not hide
 him: the fir trees were not like his boughs, and
 the chesnut trees were not like his branches; nor
 any tree in the garden of God was like unto him
 in his beauty. ⁹I have made him fair by the
 multitude of his branches: so that all the trees
 of Eden, that *were* in the garden of God, envied
 him.

¹⁰Therefore thus saith the Lord God; Because thou
 hast lifted up thyself in height, and he hath shot
 up his top among the thick boughs, and his heart
 is lifted up in his height; "I have therefore de-
 livered him into the hand of the mighty one of the
 heathen; *he shall surely deal with him: Heb. in doing he shall do unto him.
 I have driven him out for his wickedness. ¹²And
 strangers, the terrible of the nations, have cut him
 off, and have left him: upon the mountains and in
 all the valleys his branches are fallen, and his
 boughs are broken by all the rivers of the land;
 and all the people of the earth are gone down from
 his shadow, and have left him. ¹³Upon his ruin

shall all the fowls of the heaven remain, and all the beasts of the field shall be upon his branches: ¹⁴to the end that none of all the trees by the waters exalt themselves for their height, neither shoot up their top among the thick boughs, neither their trees *stand up in their height, all Or, stand upon themselves for their height. that drink water: for they are all delivered unto death, to the nether parts of the earth, in the midst of the children of men, with them that go down to the pit.

¹⁵Thus saith the Lord God; In the day when he went down to the grave I caused a mourning: I covered the deep for him, and I restrained the floods thereof, and the great waters were stayed: and I caused Lebanon *to mourn for him, and all the Heb. to be black. trees of the field fainted for him. ¹⁶I made the nations to shake at the sound of his fall, when I cast him down to hell with them that descend into the pit: and all the trees of Eden, the choice and best of Lebanon, all that drink water, shall be comforted in the nether parts of the earth. ¹⁷They also went down into hell with him unto *them that be slain with the sword; and they that were his arm, that dwelt under his shadow in the midst of the heathen.*

¹⁸To whom art thou thus like in glory and in greatness among the trees of Eden? yet shalt thou be brought down with the trees of Eden unto the nether parts of the earth: thou shalt lie in the midst of the uncircumcised with *them that be slain by the sword.* This *is* Pharaoh and all his multitude, saith the Lord God.

XXXII. And it came to pass in the twelfth year, in the twelfth month, in the first *day* of the month, *that* the word of the LORD came unto me, saying,

² Son of man, take up a lamentation for Pharaoh king of Egypt, and say unto him,

Thou art like a young lion of the nations, and thou *art* as a ^{*}whale in the seas: and thou camest *Or, dragon.* forth with thy rivers, and troubledst the waters with thy feet, and fouledst their rivers.

³ Thus saith the Lord God; I will therefore spread out my net over thee with a company of many people; and they shall bring thee up in my net. ⁴ Then will I leave thee upon the land, I will cast thee forth upon the open field, and will cause all the fowls of the heaven to remain upon thee, and I will fill the beasts of the whole earth with thee. ⁵ And I will lay thy flesh upon the mountains, and fill the valleys with thy height. ⁶ I will also water with thy blood ^{*}the land wherein thou swimmest, *Or, the land of thy swimming.* even to the mountains; and the rivers shall be full of thee.

⁷ And when I shall ^{*}put thee out, I will cover *Or, ^{*}extinguish.* the heaven, and make the stars thereof dark; I will cover the sun with a cloud, and the moon shall not give her light. ⁸ All the ^{*}bright lights of *Heb. lights of the light in heaven.* heaven will I make ^{*}dark over thee, and *Heb. them dark.* set darkness upon thy land, saith the Lord God.

⁹ I will also ^{*}vex the hearts of many peo- *Heb. provoke to anger, or, grief.* ple, when I shall bring thy destruction among the nations, into the countries which thou hast not known. ¹⁰ Yea, I will make many people amazed at thee, and their kings shall be horribly afraid for thee, when I shall brandish my sword before them; and they shall tremble at *every* moment, every man for his own life, in the day of thy fall.

¹¹ For thus saith the Lord God; The sword of the king of Babylon shall come upon thee. ¹² By the swords

of the mighty will I cause thy multitude to fall, the terrible of the nations, all of them: and they shall spoil the pomp of Egypt, and all the multitude thereof shall be destroyed. ¹³ I will destroy also all the beasts thereof from beside the great waters; neither shall the foot of man trouble them any more, nor the hoofs of beast trouble them. ¹⁴ Then will I make their waters deep, and cause their rivers to run like oil, saith the Lord GOD. ¹⁵ When I shall make the land of Egypt desolate, and the country shall be *destitute of that whereof it Heb. desolate from the fulness thereof. was full, when I shall smite all them that dwell therein, then shall they know that I *am* the LORD. ¹⁶ This *is* the lamentation wherewith they shall lament her: the daughters of the nations shall lament her: they shall lament for her, *even* for Egypt, and for all her multitude, saith the Lord GOD.

¹⁷ It came to pass also in the twelfth year, in the fifteenth *day* of the month, *that* the word of the LORD came unto me, saying,

¹⁸ Son of man, wail for the multitude of Egypt, and cast them down, *even* her, and the daughters of the famous nations, unto the nether parts of the earth, with them that go down into the pit. ¹⁹ Whom dost thou pass in beauty? go down, and be thou laid with the uncircumcised. ²⁰ They shall fall in the midst of *them that are* slain by the sword: *she is delivered to the sword: draw her Or, the sword is laid. and all her multitudes. ²¹ The strong among the mighty shall speak to him out of the midst of hell with them that help him: they are gone down, they lie uncircumcised, slain by the sword.

²² Asshur *is* there and all her company: his graves *are*

about him: all of them slain, fallen by the sword:
²³ whose graves are set in the sides of the pit, and
 her company is round about her grave: all of them
 slain, fallen by the sword, which caused *terror in
 the land of the living.

Or, *dismaying.*

²⁴ There *is* Elam and all her multitude round about
 her grave, all of them slain, fallen by the sword,
 which are gone down uncircumcised into the nether
 parts of the earth, which caused their terror in the
 land of the living; yet have they borne their shame
 with them that go down to the pit. ²⁵ They have
 set her a bed in the midst of the slain with all her
 multitude: her graves *are* round about him: all
 of them uncircumcised, slain by the sword: though
 their terror was caused in the land of the living,
 yet have they borne their shame with them that
 go down to the pit: he is put in the midst of *them*
that be slain.

²⁶ There *is* Meshech, Tubal, and all her multitude: her
 graves *are* round about him: all of them uncir-
 cumcised, slain by the sword, though they caused
 their terror in the land of the living. ²⁷ And they
 shall not lie with the mighty *that are* fallen of
 the uncircumcised, which are gone down to hell
 *with their weapons of war: and they <sup>Heb. with weapons
or, of their war.</sup>
 have laid their swords under their heads, but their
 iniquities shall be upon their bones, though *they*
were the terror of the mighty in the land of the
 living. ²⁸ Yea, thou shalt be broken in the midst
 of the uncircumcised, and shalt lie with *them that*
are slain with the sword.

²⁹ There *is* Edom, her kings, and all her princes, which
 with their might are *laid by *them that were* <sup>Heb. given,
or, put.</sup>
 slain by the sword: they shall lie with the uncir-
 cumcised, and with them that go down to the pit.

³⁰ There *be* the princes of the north, all of them, and all the Zidonians, which are gone down with the slain; with their terror they are ashamed of their might; and they lie uncircumcised with *them that be* slain by the sword, and bear their shame with them that go down to the pit.

³¹ Pharaoh shall see them, and shall be comforted over all his multitude, *even* Pharaoh and all his army slain by the sword, saith the Lord God. ³² For I have caused my terror in the land of the living: and he shall be laid in the midst of the uncircumcised with *them that are* slain with the sword, *even* Pharaoh and all his multitude, saith the Lord God.

XXXIII. AGAIN the word of the LORD came unto me, saying, ² Son of man, speak to the children of thy people, and say unto them,

* When I bring the sword upon a land, Heb. A land when I bring a sword upon her. if the people of the land take a man of their coasts, and set him for their watchman: ³ if when he seeth the sword come upon the land, he blow the trumpet, and warn the people; ⁴ then * who- Heb. he that hearing heareth. soever heareth the sound of the trumpet, and taketh not warning; if the sword come, and take him away, his blood shall be upon his own head. ⁵ He heard the sound of the trumpet, and took not warning; his blood shall be upon him. But he that taketh warning shall deliver his soul. ⁶ But if the watchman see the sword come, and blow not the trumpet, and the people be not warned; if the sword come, and take *any* person from among them, he is taken away in his iniquity; but his blood will I require at the watchman's hand.

⁷ So thou, O son of man, I have set thee a watchman unto the house of Israel; therefore thou shalt hear

the word at my mouth, and warn them from me.
⁸ When I say unto the wicked, O wicked *man*, thou shalt surely die; if thou dost not speak to warn the wicked from his way, that wicked *man* shall die in his iniquity; but his blood will I require at thine hand. ⁹ Nevertheless, if thou warn the wicked of his way to turn from it; if he do not turn from his way, he shall die in his iniquity; but thou hast delivered thy soul.

¹⁰ Therefore, O thou son of man, speak unto the house of Israel; Thus ye speak, saying, If our transgressions and our sins *be* upon us, and we pine away in them, how should we then live? ¹¹ Say unto them, As I live, saith the Lord God, I have no pleasure in the death of the wicked; but that the wicked turn from his way and live: turn ye, turn ye from your evil ways; for why will ye die, O house of Israel? ¹² Therefore, thou son of man, say unto the children of thy people, The righteousness of the righteous shall not deliver him in the day of his transgression: as for the wickedness of the wicked, he shall not fall thereby in the day that he turneth from his wickedness; neither shall the righteous be able to live for his *righteousness* in the day that he sinneth. ¹³ When I shall say to the righteous, *that* he shall surely live; if he trust to his own righteousness, and commit iniquity, all his righteousnesses shall not be remembered; but for his iniquity that he hath committed, he shall die for it. ¹⁴ Again, when I say unto the wicked, Thou shalt surely die; if he turn from his sin, and do *that which is lawful and right; ¹⁵ *if* the ^{Heb. judgment and justice.} wicked restore the pledge, give again that he had robbed, walk in the statutes of life, without committing iniquity; he shall surely live, he shall not

die. ¹⁶ None of his sins that he hath committed shall be mentioned unto him: he hath done that which is lawful and right; he shall surely live.

¹⁷ Yet the children of thy people say, The way of the Lord is not equal: but as for them, their way is not equal. ¹⁸ When the righteous turneth from his righteousness, and committeth iniquity, he shall even die thereby. ¹⁹ But if the wicked turn from his wickedness, and do that which is lawful and right, he shall live thereby. ²⁰ Yet ye say, The way of the Lord is not equal. O ye house of Israel, I will judge you every one after his ways.

²¹ AND it came to pass in the twelfth year of our captivity, in the tenth *month*, in the fifth *day* of the month, *that* one that had escaped out of Jerusalem came unto me, saying, The city is smitten.

²² Now the hand of the LORD was upon me in the evening, afore he that was escaped came; and had opened my mouth, until he came to me in the morning; and my mouth was opened, and I was no more dumb. ²³ Then the word of the LORD came unto me, saying,

²⁴ Son of man, they that inhabit those wastes of the land of Israel speak, saying, Abraham was one, and he inherited the land: but we *are* many; the land is given us for inheritance. ²⁵ Wherefore say unto them,

Thus saith the Lord God; Ye eat with the blood, and lift up your eyes toward your idols, and shed blood: and shall ye possess the land? ²⁶ Ye stand upon your sword, ye work abomination, and ye defile every one his neighbour's wife: and shall ye possess the land? ²⁷ Say thou thus unto them, Thus saith the Lord God; As I live, surely they

that *are* in the wastes shall fall by the sword, and him that *is* in the open field will I give to the beasts *to be devoured, and they that *be* ^{Heb. to devour him.} in the forts and in the caves shall die of the pestilence. ²⁸ For I will lay the land *most ^{Heb. desolation and desolation.} desolate, and the pomp of her strength shall cease; and the mountains of Israel shall be desolate, that none shall pass through. ²⁹ Then shall they know that I *am* the LORD, when I have laid the land most desolate because of all their abominations which they have committed.

³⁰ Also, thou son of man, the children of thy people still are talking *against thee by the walls ^{Or, of thee.} and in the doors of the houses, and speak one to another, every one to his brother, saying, Come, I pray you, and hear what is the word that cometh forth from the LORD. ³¹ And they come unto thee *as the people cometh, and *they sit ^{Heb. according to the coming of the people.} before thee *as* my people, and they ^{Or, my people sit before thee.} hear thy words, but they will not do them: for with their mouth *they shew much love, ^{Heb. they make loves, or, jests.} *but* their heart goeth after their covetousness. ³² And, lo, thou *art* unto them as *a very ^{Heb. a song of loves.} lovely song of one that hath a pleasant voice, and can play well on an instrument: for they hear thy words, but they do them not. ³³ And when this cometh to pass, (lo, it will come,) then shall they know that a prophet hath been among them.

XXXIV. AND the word of the LORD came unto me, saying, *Son of man, prophesy against the shepherds of Israel, prophesy, and say unto them,

*Thus saith the Lord God unto the shepherds; Woe *be* to the shepherds of Israel that do feed them-

selves! should not the shepherds feed the flocks?

³ Ye eat the fat, and ye clothe you with the wool, ye kill them that are fed: *but* ye feed not the flock. ⁴ The diseased have ye not strengthened, neither have ye healed that which was sick, neither have ye bound up *that which was* broken, neither have ye brought again that which was driven away, neither have ye sought that which was lost; but with force and with cruelty have ye ruled them.

⁵ And they were scattered, *because *there* Or, without a shepherd. is no shepherd: and they became meat to all the beasts of the field, when they were scattered. ⁶ My sheep wandered through all the mountains, and upon every high hill: yea, my flock was scattered upon all the face of the earth, and none did search or seek *after them*.

⁷ Therefore, ye shepherds, hear the word of the LORD; ⁸ As I live, saith the Lord God, surely because my flock became a prey, and my flock became meat to every beast of the field, because *there was* no shepherd, neither did my shepherds search for my flock, but the shepherds fed themselves, and fed not my flock; ⁹ therefore, O ye shepherds, hear the word of the LORD; ¹⁰ Thus saith the Lord God; Behold, I *am* against the shepherds; and I will require my flock at their hand, and cause them to cease from feeding the flock; neither shall the shepherds feed themselves any more; for I will deliver my flock from their mouth, that they may not be meat for them.

¹¹ For thus saith the Lord God; Behold, I, *even* I, will both search my sheep, and seek them out. ¹² * As a shepherd seeketh out his flock in the Heb. According to the seeking. day that he is among his sheep *that are* scattered; so will I seek out my sheep, and will deliver them

out of all places where they have been scattered in the cloudy and dark day. ¹³ And I will bring them out from the people, and gather them from the countries, and will bring them to their own land, and feed them upon the mountains of Israel by the rivers, and in all the inhabited places of the country. ¹⁴ I will feed them in a good pasture, and upon the high mountains of Israel shall their fold be: there shall they lie in a good fold, and *in* a fat pasture shall they feed upon the mountains of Israel. ¹⁵ I will feed my flock, and I will cause them to lie down, saith the Lord God. ¹⁶ I will seek that which was lost, and bring again that which was driven away, and will bind up *that which was* broken, and will strengthen that which was sick: but I will destroy the fat and the strong; I will feed them with judgment.

¹⁷ And *as for* you, O my flock, thus saith the Lord God; Behold, I judge between *cattle Heb. small cattle of lambs and kids. and cattle, between the rams and the *he Heb. great he goats. goats. ¹⁸ *Seemeth it* a small thing unto you to have eaten up the good pasture, but ye must tread down with your feet the residue of your pastures? and to have drunk of the deep waters, but ye must foul the residue with your feet? ¹⁹ And *as for* my flock, they eat that which ye have trodden with your feet; and they drink that which ye have fouled with your feet.

²⁰ Therefore thus saith the Lord God unto them; Behold, I, *even* I, will judge between the fat cattle and between the lean cattle. ²¹ Because ye have thrust with side and with shoulder, and pushed all the diseased with your horns, till ye have scattered them abroad; ²² therefore will I save my flock, and they shall no more be a prey; and I will judge

between cattle and cattle. ²³And I will set up one shepherd over them, and he shall feed them, *even* my servant David; he shall feed them, and he shall be their shepherd. ²⁴And I the LORD will be their God, and my servant David a prince among them; I the LORD have spoken *it*.

²⁵And I will make with them a covenant of peace, and will cause the evil beasts to cease out of the land: and they shall dwell safely in the wilderness, and sleep in the woods. ²⁶And I will make them and the places round about my hill a blessing; and I will cause the shower to come down in his season; there shall be showers of blessing. ²⁷And the tree of the field shall yield her fruit, and the earth shall yield her increase, and they shall be safe in their land, and shall know that I *am* the LORD, when I have broken the bands of their yoke, and delivered them out of the hand of those that served themselves of them. ²⁸And they shall no more be a prey to the heathen, neither shall the beast of the land devour them; but they shall dwell safely, and none shall make *them* afraid. ²⁹And I will raise up for them a plant *of re- Or, *for renown*.
nown, and they shall be no more *con- Heb. *taken away*.
sumed with hunger in the land, neither bear the shame of the heathen any more. ³⁰Thus shall they know that I the LORD their God *am* with them, and *that* they, *even* the house of Israel, *are* my people, saith the Lord God. ³¹And ye my flock, the flock of my pasture, *are* men, and I *am* your God, saith the Lord God.

XXXV. MOREOVER the word of the LORD came unto me, saying, ²Son of man, set thy face against *
mount Seir, and prophesy against it, ³and say unto it,

Thus saith the Lord God; Behold, O mount Seir, I *am* against thee, and I will stretch out mine hand against thee, and I will make thee *most ^{Heb. desolation and desolation.} desolate. ⁴ I will lay thy cities waste, and thou shalt be desolate, and thou shalt know that I *am* the LORD. ⁵ Because thou hast had a *per- ^{Or, hatred of old.}petual hatred, and hast *shed *the blood* ^{Heb. poured out the children.} *of* the children of Israel by the *force ^{Heb. hands.} of the sword in the time of their calamity, in the time *that their iniquity had* an end:

⁶ Therefore, *as* I live, saith the Lord God, I will prepare thee unto blood, and blood shall pursue thee: sith thou hast not hated blood, even blood shall pursue thee. ⁷ Thus will I make mount Seir *most desolate, and cut off from it him that ^{Heb. desolation and desolation.} passeth out and him that returneth. ⁸ And I will fill his mountains with his slain *men*: in thy hills, and in thy valleys, and in all thy rivers, shall they fall that are slain with the sword. ⁹ I will make thee perpetual desolations, and thy cities shall not return: and ye shall know that I *am* the LORD.

¹⁰ Because thou hast said, These two nations and these two countries shall be mine, and we will possess it; *whereas the LORD was there: ^{Or, though the LORD was there.}

¹¹ therefore, *as* I live, saith the Lord God, I will even do according to thine anger, and according to thine envy which thou hast used out of thy hatred against them; and I will make myself known among them, when I have judged thee.

¹² And thou shalt know that I *am* the LORD, *and that* I have heard all thy blasphemies which thou hast spoken against the mountains of Israel, saying, They are laid desolate, they are given us *to ^{Heb. to devour.} consume. ¹³ Thus with your mouth ye have

*boasted against me, and have multiplied Heb. magnified. your words against me: I have heard *them*.

¹⁴ Thus saith the Lord God; When the whole earth rejoiceth, I will make thee desolate. ¹⁵ As thou didst rejoice at the inheritance of the house of Israel, because it was desolate, so will I do unto thee: thou shalt be desolate, O mount Seir, and all Idumea, *even* all of it: and they shall know that I *am* the LORD.

XXXVI. ALSO, thou son of man, prophesy unto the mountains of Israel, and say,

Ye mountains of Israel, hear the word of the LORD:

² Thus saith the Lord God: Because the enemy hath said against you, Aha, even the ancient high places are our's in possession: ³ therefore prophesy and say, Thus saith the Lord God; *Be- Heb. Because for because.

cause they have made *you* desolate, and swallowed you up on every side, that ye might be a possession unto the residue of the heathen, and *ye are taken up in the lips of talkers, and Or, ye are made to come upon the lip of the tongue.

are an infamy of the people: ⁴ therefore, ye mountains of Israel, hear the word of the Lord God; Thus saith the Lord God to the mountains, and to the hills, to the *rivers, and to the val- Or, bottoms, or, dules.

leys, to the desolate wastes, and to the cities that are forsaken, which became a prey and derision to the residue of the heathen that *are* round about;

⁵ therefore thus saith the Lord God; Surely in the fire of my jealousy have I spoken against the residue of the heathen, and against all Idumea, which have appointed my land into their possession, with the joy of all *their* heart, with despiteful minds, to cast it out for a prey.

⁶Prophecy therefore concerning the land of Israel, and say unto the mountains, and to the hills, to the rivers, and to the valleys, Thus saith the Lord God; Behold, I have spoken in my jealousy and in my fury, because ye have borne the shame of the heathen: ⁷therefore thus saith the Lord God; I have lifted up mine hand, Surely the heathen that *are* about you, they shall bear their shame.

⁸But ye, O mountains of Israel, ye shall shoot forth your branches, and yield your fruit to my people of Israel; for they are at hand to come. ⁹For behold, I *am* for you, and I will turn unto you, and ye shall be tilled and sown: ¹⁰and I will multiply men upon you, all the house of Israel, *even* all of it: and the cities shall be inhabited, and the wastes shall be builded: ¹¹and I will multiply upon you man and beast; and they shall increase and bring fruit: and I will settle you after your old estates, and will do better *unto you* than at your beginnings: and ye shall know that I *am* the LORD. ¹²Yea, I will cause men to walk upon you, *even* my people Israel; and they shall possess thee, and thou shalt be their inheritance, and thou shalt no more henceforth bereave them *of men*.

¹³Thus saith the Lord God; Because they say unto you, Thou *land* devourest up men, and hast bereaved thy nations; ¹⁴therefore thou shalt devour men no more, neither ^{*}bereave thy nations ^{Or, *cause to fall.*} any more, saith the Lord God. ¹⁵Neither will I cause *men* to hear in thee the shame of the heathen any more, neither shalt thou bear the reproach of the people any more, neither shalt thou cause thy nations to fall any more, saith the Lord God.

¹⁶Moreover the word of the LORD came unto me, saying, ¹⁷Son of man, when the house of Israel dwelt

in their own land, they defiled it by their own way and by their doings: their way was before me as the uncleanness of a removed woman. ¹⁸ Wherefore I poured my fury upon them for the blood that they had shed upon the land, and for their idols *wherewith* they had polluted it: ¹⁹ and I scattered them among the heathen, and they were dispersed through the countries: according to their way and according to their doings I judged them. ²⁰ And when they entered unto the heathen, whither they went, they profaned my holy name, when they said to them, These *are* the people of the LORD, and are gone forth out of his land. ²¹ But I had pity for mine holy name, which the house of Israel had profaned among the heathen, whither they went.

²² Therefore say unto the house of Israel, Thus saith the Lord God; I do not *this* for your sakes, O house of Israel, but for mine holy name's sake, which ye have profaned among the heathen, whither ye went. ²³ And I will sanctify my great name, which was profaned among the heathen, which ye have profaned in the midst of them; and the heathen shall know that I *am* the LORD, saith the Lord God, when I shall be sanctified in you before ^{*}their eyes. ²⁴ For I will take you from among *Or, your.* the heathen, and gather you out of all countries, and will bring you into your own land.

²⁵ Then will I sprinkle clean water upon you, and ye shall be clean: from all your filthiness, and from all your idols, will I cleanse you. ²⁶ A new heart also will I give you, and a new spirit will I put within you: and I will take away the stony heart out of your flesh, and I will give you an heart of flesh. ²⁷ And I will put my Spirit within you, and cause you to walk in my statutes, and ye shall keep

my judgments, and do *them*. ²⁸ And ye shall dwell in the land that I gave to your fathers; and ye shall be my people, and I will be your God. ²⁹ I will also save you from all your uncleannesses: and I will call for the corn, and will increase it, and lay no famine upon you. ³⁰ And I will multiply the fruit of the tree, and the increase of the field, that ye shall receive no more reproach of famine among the heathen. ³¹ Then shall ye remember your own evil ways, and your doings that *were* not good, and shall lothe yourselves in your own sight for your iniquities and for your abominations. ³² Not for your sakes do I *this*, saith the Lord God, be it known unto you: be ashamed and confounded for your own ways, O house of Israel.

³³ Thus saith the Lord God; In the day that I shall have cleansed you from all your iniquities I will also cause *you* to dwell in the cities, and the wastes shall be builded. ³⁴ And the desolate land shall be tilled, whereas it lay desolate in the sight of all that passed by. ³⁵ And they shall say, This land that was desolate is become like the garden of Eden; and the waste and desolate and ruined cities *are become* fenced, *and* are inhabited. ³⁶ Then the heathen that are left round about you shall know that I the LORD build the ruined *places*, *and* plant that that was desolate: I the LORD have spoken *it*, and I will do *it*.

³⁷ Thus saith the Lord God; I will yet *for* this be enquired of by the house of Israel, to do *it* for them; I will increase them with men like a flock. ³⁸ As the *holy flock, as the flock of Jerusalem ^{Heb. flock of holy things.} in her solemn feasts; so shall the waste cities be filled with flocks of men: and they shall know that I *am* the LORD.

XXXVII. THE hand of the LORD was upon me, and carried me out in the spirit of the LORD, and set me down in the midst of the valley which *was* full of bones, ²and caused me to pass by them round about: and, behold, *there were* very many in the open *valley; and, lo, *they were* very dry. Or, *champaign.*

³And he said unto me, Son of man, can these bones live? And I answered, O Lord God, thou knowest.

⁴Again he said unto me, Prophecy upon these bones, and say unto them, O ye dry bones, hear the word of the LORD. ⁵Thus saith the Lord God unto these bones; Behold, I will cause breath to enter into you, and ye shall live: ⁶and I will lay sinews upon you, and will bring up flesh upon you, and cover you with skin, and put breath in you, and ye shall live; and ye shall know that I *am* the LORD.

⁷So I prophesied as I was commanded: and as I prophesied, there was a noise, and behold a shaking, and the bones came together, bone to his bone. ⁸And when I beheld, lo, the sinews and the flesh came up upon them, and the skin covered them above: but *there was* no breath in them.

⁹Then said he unto me, Prophecy unto the *wind, prophecy, son of man, and say to the wind, Thus Or, *breath.* saith the Lord God; Come from the four winds, O breath, and breathe upon these slain, that they may live. ¹⁰So I prophesied as he commanded me, and the breath came into them, and they lived, and stood up upon their feet, an exceeding great army.

¹¹Then he said unto me, Son of man, these bones are the whole house of Israel: behold, they say, Our bones are dried, and our hope is lost: we are cut off for our part. ¹²Therefore prophecy and say unto them,

Thus saith the Lord God; Behold, O my people, I will open your graves, and cause you to come up out of your graves, and bring you into the land of Israel. ¹³And ye shall know that I *am* the LORD, when I have opened your graves, O my people, and brought you up out of your graves, ¹⁴and shall put my Spirit in you, and ye shall live, and I shall place you in your own land: then shall ye know that I the LORD have spoken *it*, and performed *it*, saith the LORD.

¹⁵The word of the LORD came again unto me, saying, ¹⁶Moreover, thou son of man, take thee one stick, and write upon it, For Judah, and for the children of Israel his companions: then take another stick, and write upon it, For Joseph, the stick of Ephraim, and *for* all the house of Israel his companions: ¹⁷and join them one to another into one stick; and they shall become one in thine hand.

¹⁸And when the children of thy people shall speak unto thee, saying, Wilt thou not shew us what thou *meanest* by these? ¹⁹say unto them, Thus saith the Lord God; Behold, I will take the stick of Joseph, which *is* in the hand of Ephraim, and the tribes of Israel his fellows, and will put them with him, *even* with the stick of Judah, and make them one stick, and they shall be one in mine hand. ²⁰And the sticks whereon thou writest shall be in thine hand before their eyes. ²¹And say unto them,

Thus saith the Lord God; Behold, I will take the children of Israel from among the heathen, whither they be gone, and will gather them on every side, and bring them into their own land: ²²and I will make them one nation in the land upon the mountains of Israel; and one king shall be king to them

all: and they shall be no more two nations, neither shall they be divided into two kingdoms any more at all: ²³neither shall they defile themselves any more with their idols, nor with their detestable things, nor with any of their transgressions: but I will save them out of all their dwellingplaces, wherein they have sinned, and will cleanse them: so shall they be my people, and I will be their God.

²⁴And David my servant *shall be* king over them; and they all shall have one shepherd: they shall also walk in my judgments, and observe my statutes, and do them. ²⁵And they shall dwell in the land that I have given unto Jacob my servant, wherein your fathers have dwelt; and they shall dwell therein, *even* they, and their children, and their children's children for ever: and my servant David *shall be* their prince for ever. ²⁶Moreover I will make a covenant of peace with them; it shall be an everlasting covenant with them: and I will place them, and multiply them, and will set my sanctuary in the midst of them for evermore.

²⁷My tabernacle also shall be with them: yea, I will be their God, and they shall be my people.

²⁸And the heathen shall know that I the LORD do sanctify Israel, when my sanctuary shall be in the midst of them for evermore.

XXXVIII. AND the word of the LORD came unto me, saying, ²Son of man, set thy face against Gog, the land of Magog, ^{*}the chief prince of Me-^{Or, prince of the chief.} shech and Tubal, and prophesy against him, ³and say, Thus saith the Lord God; Behold, I *am* against thee, O Gog, the chief prince of Meshech and Tubal: ⁴and I will turn thee back, and put hooks into thy jaws, and I will bring thee forth, and all thine

army, horses and horsemen, all of them clothed with all sorts *of armour, even* a great company *with* bucklers and shields, all of them handling swords: ⁵Persia, Ethiopia, and ^{*}Libya with *Or, Phut.* them; all of them with shield and helmet: ⁶Gomer, and all his bands; the house of Togarmah of the north quarters, and all his bands: *and* many people with thee.

⁷Be thou prepared, and prepare for thyself, thou, and all thy company that are assembled unto thee, and be thou a guard unto them. ⁸After many days thou shalt be visited: in the latter years thou shalt come into the land *that is* brought back from the sword, *and is* gathered out of many people, against the mountains of Israel, which have been always waste: but it is brought forth out of the nations, and they shall dwell safely all of them. ⁹Thou shalt ascend and come like a storm, thou shalt be like a cloud to cover the land, thou, and all thy bands, and many people with thee.

¹⁰Thus saith the Lord God; It shall also come to pass, *that* at the same time shall things come into thy mind, and thou shalt ^{*}think an evil *Or, conceive a mischievous purpose.* thought: ¹¹and thou shalt say, I will go up to the land of unwallled villages; I will go to them that are at rest, that dwell ^{*}safely, all of them *Or, confidently.* dwelling without walls, and having neither bars nor gates, ¹²^{*}to take a spoil, and to take a *Heb. to spoil the spoil, and to prey the prey.* prey; to turn thine hand upon the desolate places *that are now* inhabited, and upon the people *that are* gathered out of the nations, which have gotten cattle and goods, that dwell in the ^{*}midst *Heb. navel.* of the land. ¹³Sheba, and Dedan, and the merchants of Tarshish, with all the young lions thereof, shall say unto thee, Art thou come to take a spoil? hast

thou gathered thy company to take a prey? to carry away silver and gold, to take away cattle and goods, to take a great spoil?

¹⁴Therefore, son of man, prophesy and say unto Gog, Thus saith the Lord God; In that day when my people of Israel dwelleth safely, shalt thou not know *it*? ¹⁵And thou shalt come from thy place out of the north parts, thou, and many people with thee, all of them riding upon horses, a great company, and a mighty army: ¹⁶and thou shalt come up against my people of Israel, as a cloud to cover the land; it shall be in the latter days, and I will bring thee against my land, that the heathen may know me, when I shall be sanctified in thee, O Gog, before their eyes.

¹⁷Thus saith the Lord God; *Art* thou he of whom I have spoken in old time *by my ser- Heb. by the hands. vants the prophets of Israel, which prophesied in those days *many* years that I would bring thee against them? ¹⁸And it shall come to pass at the same time when Gog shall come against the land of Israel, saith the Lord God, *that* my fury shall come up in my face. ¹⁹For in my jealousy, *and* in the fire of my wrath have I spoken, Surely in that day there shall be a great shaking in the land of Israel; ²⁰so that the fishes of the sea, and the fowls of the heaven, and the beasts of the field, and all creeping things that creep upon the earth, and all the men that *are* upon the face of the earth, shall shake at my presence, and the mountains shall be thrown down, and the *steep Or, towers, or, stairs. places shall fall, and every wall shall fall to the ground.

²¹And I will call for a sword against him throughout all my mountains, saith the Lord God: every

man's sword shall be against his brother. ²² And I will plead against him with pestilence and with blood; and I will rain upon him, and upon his bands, and upon the many people that *are* with him, an overflowing rain, and great hailstones, fire, and brimstone. ²³ Thus will I magnify myself, and sanctify myself; and I will be known in the eyes of many nations, and they shall know that *I am* the LORD.

XXXIX. Therefore, thou son of man, prophesy against Gog, and say,

Thus saith the Lord God; Behold, *I am* against thee, O Gog, the chief prince of Meshech and Tubal: ² and I will turn thee back, and ^{*}leave Or, strike thee with six plagues; or, draw thee back with an hook of six teeth. but the sixth part of thee, and will cause thee to come up from ^{*}the north Heb. the sides of the north. parts, and will bring thee upon the mountains of Israel: ³ and I will smite thy bow out of thy left hand, and will cause thine arrows to fall out of thy right hand. ⁴ Thou shalt fall upon the mountains of Israel, thou, and all thy bands, and the people that *is* with thee: I will give thee unto the ravenous birds of every ^{*}sort, and *to* the Heb. wing. beasts of the field, ^{*}to be devoured. ⁵ Thou Heb. to devour. shalt fall upon ^{*}the open field: for I have Heb. the face of the field. spoken *it*, saith the Lord God.

⁶ And I will send a fire on Magog, and among them that dwell ^{*}carelessly in the isles: and Or, confidently. they shall know that *I am* the LORD. ⁷ So will I make my holy name known in the midst of my people Israel; and I will not *let them* pollute my holy name any more: and the heathen shall know that *I am* the LORD, the Holy One in Israel.

⁸ Behold, it is come, and it is done, saith the Lord

GOD; this is the day whereof I have spoken.
 9 And they that dwell in the cities of Israel shall go forth, and shall set on fire and burn the weapons, both the shields and the bucklers, the bows and the arrows, and the *handstaves, and Or, javelins. the spears, and they shall *burn them Or, make a fire of them. with fire seven years: 10 so that they shall take no wood out of the field, neither cut down *any* out of the forests; for they shall burn the weapons with fire: and they shall spoil those that spoiled them, and rob those that robbed them, saith the Lord GOD.

11 And it shall come to pass in that day, *that* I will give unto Gog a place there of graves in Israel, the valley of the passengers on the east of the sea: and it shall stop the *noses of the passengers: and Or, mouths. there shall they bury Gog, and all his multitude: and they shall call *it* The valley of *Hamon-gog. That is, The multitude of Gog.

12 And seven months shall the house of Israel be burying of them, that they may cleanse the land. 13 Yea, all the people of the land shall bury *them*; and it shall be to them a renown the day that I shall be glorified, saith the Lord GOD. 14 And they shall sever out *men of continual employment, passing through the Heb. men of continuance. land to bury with the passengers those that remain upon the face of the earth, to cleanse it: after the end of seven months shall they search. 15 And the passengers *that* pass through the land, when *any* seeth a man's bone, then shall he *set up a sign by it, Heb. build. till the buriers have buried it in the valley of Hamon-gog. 16 And also the name of the city *shall be* *Hamonah. That is, the multitude. Thus shall they cleanse the land.

17 And, thou son of man, thus saith the Lord GOD; Speak *unto every feathered fowl, and to Heb. to the fowl of every wing. every beast of the field,

Assemble yourselves, and come; gather yourselves on every side to my *sacrifice that I do sacri- Or, slaughter. fice for you, *even* a great sacrifice upon the mountains of Israel, that ye may eat flesh, and drink blood. ¹⁸Ye shall eat the flesh of the mighty, and drink the blood of the princes of the earth, of rams, of lambs, and of *goats, of bullocks, Heb. great goats. all of them fatlings of Bashan. ¹⁹And ye shall eat fat till ye be full, and drink blood till ye be drunken, of my sacrifice which I have sacrificed for you. ²⁰Thus ye shall be filled at my table with horses and chariots, with mighty men, and with all men of war, saith the Lord God.

²¹And I will set my glory among the heathen, and all the heathen shall see my judgment that I have executed, and my hand that I have laid upon them. ²²So the house of Israel shall know that I *am* the LORD their God from that day and forward. ²³And the heathen shall know that the house of Israel went into captivity for their iniquity: because they trespassed against me, therefore hid I my face from them, and gave them into the hand of their enemies: so fell they all by the sword. ²⁴According to their uncleanness, and according to their transgressions have I done unto them, and hid my face from them.

²⁵Therefore thus saith the Lord God; Now will I bring again the captivity of Jacob, and have mercy upon the whole house of Israel, and will be jealous for my holy name; ²⁶after that they have borne their shame, and all their trespasses, whereby they have trespassed against me, when they dwelt safely in their land, and none made *them* afraid. ²⁷When I have brought them again from the people, and gathered them out of their enemies' lands, and am

sanctified in them in the sight of many nations;
²⁸then shall they know that I *am* the LORD their
 God, * which caused them to be led into <sup>Heb. by my causing
 of them, &c.</sup> captivity among the heathen: but I have gathered
 them unto their own land, and have left none of
 them any more there. ²⁹Neither will I hide my
 face any more from them: for I have poured out
 my Spirit upon the house of Israel, saith the
 Lord God.

XL. IN the five and twentieth year of our captivity,
 in the beginning of the year, in the tenth *day* of the
 month, in the fourteenth year after that the city was
 smitten, in the selfsame day the hand of the LORD was
 upon me, and brought me thither. ²In the visions of
 God brought he me into the land of Israel, and set me
 upon a very high mountain, * by which <sup>Or, upon
 which.</sup> *was* as the frame of a city on the south.

³And he brought me thither, and, behold, *there was*
 a man, whose appearance *was* like the appearance of
 brass, with a line of flax in his hand, and a measuring
 reed; and he stood in the gate. ⁴And the man said
 unto me,

Son of man, behold with thine eyes, and hear with
 thine ears, and set thine heart upon all that I shall
 shew thee; for to the intent that I might shew *them*
 unto thee *art* thou brought hither: declare all that
 thou seest to the house of Israel.

⁵And behold a wall on the outside of the house
 round about, and in the man's hand a measuring reed
 of six cubits *long* by the cubit and an hand breadth:
 so he measured the breadth of the building, one reed;
 and the height one reed.

⁶Then came he unto the gate * which <sup>Heb. whose face was the
 way toward the east.</sup> looketh toward the east, and went up the stairs thereof,

and measured the threshold of the gate, *which was* one reed broad; and the other threshold *of the gate, which was* one reed broad. ⁷And *every* little chamber *was* one reed long, and one reed broad; and between the little chambers *were* five cubits; and the threshold of the gate by the porch of the gate within *was* one reed. ⁸He measured also the porch of the gate within, one reed. ⁹Then measured he the porch of the gate, eight cubits; and the posts thereof, two cubits; and the porch of the gate *was* inward. ¹⁰And the little chambers of the gate eastward *were* three on this side, and three on that side; they three *were* of one measure: and the posts had one measure on this side and on that side. ¹¹And he measured the breadth of the entry of the gate, ten cubits; *and* the length of the gate, thirteen cubits. ¹²The *space also before <sup>Heb. limit.
or, bound.</sup> the little chambers *was* one cubit *on this side*, and the space *was* one cubit on that side: and the little chambers *were* six cubits on this side, and six cubits on that side. ¹³He measured then the gate from the roof of *one* little chamber to the roof of another: the breadth *was* five and twenty cubits, door against door. ¹⁴He made also posts of threescore cubits, even unto the post of the court round about the gate. ¹⁵And from the face of the gate of the entrance unto the face of the porch of the inner gate *were* fifty cubits. ¹⁶And *there were* *narrow windows to the little cham- ^{Heb. closed.} bers, and to their posts within the gate round about, and likewise to the *arches: and windows *were* <sup>Or, galleries,
or, porches.</sup> round about *inward: and upon *each* post *were* ^{Or, within.} palm trees.

¹⁷Then brought he me into the outward court, and, lo, *there were* chambers, and a pavement made for the court round about: thirty chambers *were* upon the pavement. ¹⁸And the pavement by the side of the

gates over against the length of the gates *was* the lower pavement. ¹⁹ Then he measured the breadth from the forefront of the lower gate unto the forefront of the inner court *without, an hundred cubits ^{Or, from without.} eastward and northward.

²⁰ And the gate of the outward court *that ^{Heb. whose face was.} looked toward the north, he measured the length thereof, and the breadth thereof. ²¹ And the little chambers thereof *were* three on this side and three on that side; and the posts thereof and the *arches thereof were after the measure of the first gate: ^{Or, galleries, or, porches.} the length thereof *was* fifty cubits, and the breadth five and twenty cubits. ²² And their windows, and their arches, and their palm trees, *were* after the measure of the gate that looketh toward the east; and they went up unto it by seven steps; and the arches thereof *were* before them. ²³ And the gate of the inner court *was* over against the gate toward the north, and toward the east; and he measured from gate to gate an hundred cubits.

²⁴ After that he brought me toward the south, and behold a gate toward the south: and he measured the posts thereof and the arches thereof according to these measures. ²⁵ And *there were* windows in it and in the arches thereof round about, like those windows: the length *was* fifty cubits, and the breadth five and twenty cubits. ²⁶ And *there were* seven steps to go up to it, and the arches thereof *were* before them: and it had palm trees, one on this side, and another on that side, upon the posts thereof. ²⁷ And *there was* a gate in the inner court toward the south: and he measured from gate to gate toward the south an hundred cubits.

²⁸ And he brought me to the inner court by the south gate: and he measured the south gate according to these measures; ²⁹ and the little chambers

thereof, and the posts thereof, and the arches thereof, according to these measures: and *there were* windows in it and in the arches thereof round about: *it was* fifty cubits long, and five and twenty cubits broad.³⁰ And the arches round about *were* five and twenty cubits long, and five cubits *broad.³¹ And Heb. breadth. the arches thereof *were* toward the utter court; and palm trees *were* upon the posts thereof: and the going up to it *had* eight steps.

³²And he brought me into the inner court toward the east: and he measured the gate according to these measures.³³ And the little chambers thereof, and the posts thereof, and the arches thereof, *were* according to these measures: and *there were* windows therein and in the arches thereof round about: *it was* fifty cubits long, and five and twenty cubits broad.³⁴ And the arches thereof *were* toward the outward court; and palm trees *were* upon the posts thereof, on this side, and on that side: and the going up to it *had* eight steps.

³⁵And he brought me to the north gate, and measured *it* according to these measures; ³⁶ the little chambers thereof, the posts thereof, and the arches thereof, and the windows to it round about: the length *was* fifty cubits, and the breadth five and twenty cubits.³⁷ And the posts thereof *were* toward the utter court; and palm trees *were* upon the posts thereof, on this side, and on that side: and the going up to it *had* eight steps.

³⁸And the chambers and the entries thereof *were* by the posts of the gates, where they washed the burnt offering.³⁹ And in the porch of the gate *were* two tables on this side, and two tables on that side, to slay thereon the burnt offering and the sin offering and the trespass offering.⁴⁰ And at the side without,

*as one goeth up to the entry of the north gate, ^{Or, at the step.} *were* two tables; and on the other side, which *was* at the porch of the gate, *were* two tables. ⁴¹Four tables *were* on this side, and four tables on that side, by the side of the gate; eight tables, whereupon they slew *their sacrifices*. ⁴²And the four tables *were* of hewn stone for the burnt offering, of a cubit and an half long, and a cubit and an half broad, and one cubit high: whereupon also they laid the instruments wherewith they slew the burnt offering and the sacrifice. ⁴³And within *were* *hooks, an hand ^{Or, endirons, or, the two hearthstones.} broad, fastened round about: and upon the tables *was* the flesh of the offering.

⁴⁴And without the inner gate *were* the chambers of the singers in the inner court, which *was* at the side of the north gate; and their prospect *was* toward the south: one at the side of the east gate *having* the prospect toward the north. ⁴⁵And he said unto me, This chamber, whose prospect *is* toward the south, *is* for the priests, the keepers of the *charge ^{Or, ward, or, ordinance.} of the house. ⁴⁶And the chamber whose prospect *is* toward the north *is* for the priests, the keepers of the charge of the altar: these *are* the sons of Zadok among the sons of Levi, which come near to the LORD to minister unto him.

⁴⁷So he measured the court, an hundred cubits long, and an hundred cubits broad, foursquare; and the altar *that was* before the house.

⁴⁸And he brought me to the porch of the house, and measured *each* post of the porch, five cubits on this side, and five cubits on that side: and the breadth of the gate *was* three cubits on this side, and three cubits on that side. ⁴⁹The length of the porch *was* twenty cubits, and the breadth eleven cubits; and *he brought me* by the steps whereby they went up to it:

and *there were* pillars by the posts, one on this side, and another on that side.

XLI. Afterward he brought me to the temple, and measured the posts, six cubits broad on the one side, and six cubits broad on the other side, *which was* the breadth of the tabernacle. ²And the breadth of the **door was* ten cubits; and the sides of the Or, entrance. door *were* five cubits on the one side, and five cubits on the other side: and he measured the length thereof, forty cubits: and the breadth, twenty cubits.

³Then went he inward, and measured the post of the door, two cubits; and the door, six cubits; and the breadth of the door, seven cubits.

⁴So he measured the length thereof, twenty cubits; and the breadth, twenty cubits, before the temple: and he said unto me, *This is* the most holy *place*.

⁵After he measured the wall of the house, six cubits; and the breadth of *every* side chamber, four cubits, round about the house on every side. ⁶And the side chambers *were* three, **one over another*, Heb. side chamber over side chamber. and **thirty in order*; and they entered Or, three and thirty times, or, feet. into the wall which *was* of the house for the side chambers round about, that they might **have* Heb. be holden.

⁷And **there was* an enlarging, and a Heb. it was made broader, and went round. winding about still upward to the side chambers: for the winding about of the house went still upward round about the house: therefore the breadth of the house *was still* upward, and so increased *from* the lowest *chamber* to the highest by the midst. ⁸I saw also the height of the house round about: the foundations of the side chambers *were* a full reed of six great cubits.

⁹The thickness of the wall, which *was* for the side chamber without, *was* five cubits: and *that which was* left *was* the place of the side chambers that *were*

within. ¹⁰And between the chambers *was* the wideness of twenty cubits round about the house on every side. ¹¹And the doors of the side chambers *were* toward *the place that was left*, one door toward the north, and another door toward the south: and the breadth of the place that was left *was* five cubits round about.

¹²Now the building that *was* before the separate place at the end toward the west *was* seventy cubits broad; and the wall of the building *was* five cubits thick round about, and the length thereof ninety cubits. ¹³So he measured the house, an hundred cubits long; and the separate place, and the building, with the walls thereof, an hundred cubits long; ¹⁴also the breadth of the face of the house, and of the separate place toward the east, an hundred cubits.

¹⁵And he measured the length of the building over against the separate place which *was* behind it, and the *galleries thereof on the one side and ^{Or, several walks, or, walks with pillars.} on the other side, an hundred cubits, with the inner temple, and the porches of the court; ¹⁶the door posts, and the narrow windows, and the galleries round about on their three stories, over against the door, *ceiled with wood round about, *and ^{Heb. ceiling of wood. Or, and the ground under the windows.} from the ground up to the windows, and the windows *were* covered; ¹⁷to that above the door, even unto the inner house, and without, and by all the wall round about within and without, by *measure.

Heb. measures.

¹⁸And *it was* made with cherubims and palm trees, so that a palm tree *was* between a cherub and a cherub; and *every* cherub had two faces; ¹⁹so that the face of a man *was* toward the palm tree on the one side, and the face of a young lion toward the palm tree on the other side: *it was* made through all

the house round about. ²⁰From the ground unto above the door *were* cherubims and palm trees made, and *on* the wall of the temple. ²¹The *posts Heb. post. of the temple *were* squared, *and* the face of the sanctuary; the appearance *of the one* as the appearance *of the other*.

²²The altar of wood *was* three cubits high, and the length thereof two cubits; and the corners thereof, and the length thereof, and the walls thereof, *were* of wood: and he said unto me, This *is* the table that *is* before the LORD.

²³And the temple and the sanctuary had two doors. ²⁴And the doors had two leaves *apiece*, two turning leaves; two *leaves* for the one door, and two leaves for the other *door*. ²⁵And *there were* made on them, on the doors of the temple, cherubims and palm trees, like as *were* made upon the walls; and *there were* thick planks upon the face of the porch without. ²⁶And *there were* narrow windows and palm trees on the one side, and on the other side, on the sides of the porch, and *upon* the side chambers of the house, and thick planks.

XLII. Then he brought me forth into the utter court, the way toward the north: and he brought me into the chamber that *was* over against the separate place, and which *was* before the building toward the north. ²Before the length of an hundred cubits *was* the north door, and the breadth *was* fifty cubits. ³Over against the twenty *cubits* which *were* for the inner court, and over against the pavement which *was* for the utter court, *was* gallery against gallery in three *stories*. ⁴And before the chambers *was* a walk of ten cubits breadth inward, a way of one cubit; and their doors toward the north. ⁵Now the upper chambers *were* shorter: for the galleries *were higher Or, did eat of these.

than these, * than the lower, and than the middlemost of the building. ⁶For they Or, and the building consisted of the lower and the middlemost. *were* in three stories, but had not pillars as the pillars of the courts: therefore *the building* was straitened more than the lowest and the middlemost from the ground.

⁷And the wall that *was* without over against the chambers, toward the utter court on the forepart of the chambers, the length thereof *was* fifty cubits.

⁸For the length of the chambers that *were* in the utter court *was* fifty cubits: and, lo, before the temple *were* an hundred cubits.

⁹And * from under these chambers *was* Or, from the place. * the entry on the east side, * as one Or, he that brought me. *goeth* into them from the utter court. ¹⁰The cham-

bers *were* in the thickness of the wall of the court toward the east, over against the separate place, and over against the building. ¹¹And the way before them *was* like the appearance of the chambers which *were* toward the north, as long as they, *and* as broad as they: and all their goings out *were* both according to their fashions, and according to their doors. ¹²And according to the doors of the chambers that *were* toward the south *was* a door in the head of the way, *even* the way directly before the wall toward the east, as one entereth into them.

¹³Then said he unto me, The north chambers *and* the south chambers, which *are* before the separate place, they *be* holy chambers, where the priests that approach unto the LORD shall eat the most holy things; there shall they lay the most holy things, and the meat offering, and the sin offering, and the trespass offering; for the place *is* holy. ¹⁴When the priests enter therein, then shall they not go out of the holy *place* into the utter court, but there they shall lay their garments

wherein they minister; for they *are* holy; and shall put on other garments, and shall approach to *those things* which *are* for the people.

¹⁵ Now when he had made an end of measuring the inner house, he brought me forth toward the gate whose prospect *is* toward the east, and measured it round about. ¹⁶ He measured the east ^{*}side Heb. *wind*. with the measuring reed, five hundred reeds, with the measuring reed round about. ¹⁷ He measured the north side, five hundred reeds, with the measuring reed round about. ¹⁸ He measured the south side, five hundred reeds with the measuring reed. ¹⁹ He turned about to the west side, *and* measured five hundred reeds with the measuring reed. ²⁰ He measured it by the four sides: it had a wall round about, five hundred *reeds* long, and five hundred broad, to make a separation between the sanctuary and the profane place.

XLIII. Afterward he brought me to the gate, *even* the gate that looketh toward the east: ²and, behold, the glory of the God of Israel came from the way of the east: and his voice *was* like a noise of many waters: and the earth shined with his glory. ³And *it was* according to the appearance of the vision which I saw, *even* according to the vision that I saw ^{*}when I came to destroy the city: and the Or, *when I came to prophesy that the city should be destroyed.* visions *were* like the vision that I saw by the river Chebar; and I fell upon my face.

⁴And the glory of the LORD came into the house by the way of the gate whose prospect *is* toward the east. ⁵So the spirit took me up, and brought me into the inner court; and, behold, the glory of the LORD filled the house. ⁶And I heard *him* speaking unto me out of the house; and the man stood by me. ⁷And he said unto me,

Son of man, the place of my throne, and the place of the soles of my feet, where I will dwell in the midst of the children of Israel for ever, and my holy name, shall the house of Israel no more defile, *neither* they, nor their kings, by their whoredom, nor by the carcases of their kings in their high places. ⁸In their setting of their threshold by my thresholds, and their post by my posts, ^{*}and the wall between me and them, they ^{Or, for there was but a wall between me and them.} have even defiled my holy name by their abominations that they have committed: wherefore I have consumed them in mine anger. ⁹Now let them put away their whoredom, and the carcases of their kings, far from me, and I will dwell in the midst of them for ever.

¹⁰Thou son of man, shew the house to the house of Israel, that they may be ashamed of their iniquities: and let them measure the ^{*}pattern. ^{Or, sum, or, number.} ¹¹And if they be ashamed of all that they have done, shew them the form of the house, and the fashion thereof, and the goings out thereof, and the comings in thereof, and all the forms thereof, and all the ordinances thereof, and all the forms thereof, and all the laws thereof: and write *it* in their sight, that they may keep the whole form thereof, and all the ordinances thereof, and do them.

¹²This *is* the law of the house; Upon the top of the mountain the whole limit thereof round about *shall be* most holy. Behold, this *is* the law of the house.

¹³And these *are* the measures of the altar after the cubits: The cubit *is* a cubit and an hand breadth; even the ^{*}bottom *shall be* a cubit, and the breadth ^{Heb. bosom.} a cubit, and the border thereof by the ^{*}edge ^{Heb. lip.}

thereof round about *shall be* a span: and this *shall be* the higher place of the altar. ¹⁴And from the bottom upon the ground *even* to the lower settle *shall be* two cubits, and the breadth one cubit; and from the lesser settle *even* to the greater settle *shall be* four cubits, and the breadth *one* cubit. ¹⁵So *the altar ^{Heb. Harel, that is, the mountain of God.} *shall be* four cubits; and from *the altar ^{Heb. Ariel, that is, the lion of God.} and upward *shall be* four horns. ¹⁶And the altar *shall be* twelve cubits long, twelve broad, square in the four squares thereof. ¹⁷And the settle *shall be* fourteen cubits long and fourteen broad, in the four squares thereof; and the border about it *shall be* half a cubit; and the bottom thereof *shall be* a cubit about; and his stairs shall look toward the east.

¹⁸And he said unto me, Son of man, thus saith the Lord God; These *are* the ordinances of the altar in the day when they shall make it, to offer burnt offerings thereon, and to sprinkle blood thereon. ¹⁹And thou shalt give to the priests the Levites that be of the seed of Zadok, which approach unto me, to minister unto me, saith the Lord God, a young bullock for a sin offering. ²⁰And thou shalt take of the blood thereof, and put *it* on the four horns of it, and on the four corners of the settle, and upon the border round about: thus shalt thou cleanse and purge it. ²¹Thou shalt take the bullock also of the sin offering, and he shall burn it in the appointed place of the house, without the sanctuary. ²²And on the second day thou shalt offer a kid of the goats without blemish for a sin offering; and they shall cleanse the altar, as they did cleanse *it* with the bullock. ²³When thou hast made an end of cleansing *it*, thou shalt offer a young bullock without blemish, and a ram out of the flock without blemish. ²⁴And thou shalt offer them before the LORD, and the priests shall cast salt upon them,

and they shall offer them up *for* a burnt offering unto the LORD. ²⁵Seven days shalt thou prepare every day a goat *for* a sin offering: they shall also prepare a young bullock, and a ram out of the flock without blemish. ²⁶Seven days shall they purge the altar and purify it; and they shall *consecrate them-^{Heb. fill their hands.} selves. ²⁷And when these days are expired, it shall be, *that* upon the eighth day, and *so* forward, the priests shall make your burnt offerings upon the altar, and your *peace offerings; and I will accept^{Or, thank offerings.} you, saith the Lord God.

XLIV. Then he brought me back the way of the gate of the outward sanctuary which looketh toward the east; and it *was* shut. ²Then said the LORD unto me; This gate shall be shut, it shall not be opened, and no man shall enter in by it; because the LORD, the God of Israel, hath entered in by it, therefore it shall be shut. ³*It is* for the prince; the prince, he shall sit in it to eat bread before the LORD; he shall enter by the way of the porch of *that* gate, and shall go out by the way of the same.

⁴Then brought he me the way of the north gate before the house: and I looked, and, behold the glory of the LORD filled the house of the LORD: and I fell upon my face. ⁵And the LORD said unto me, Son of man, *mark well, and behold with thine eyes,^{Heb. set thine heart.} and hear with thine ears all that I say unto thee concerning all the ordinances of the house of the LORD, and all the laws thereof; and mark well the entering in of the house, with every going forth of the sanctuary. ⁶And thou shalt say to the rebellious, *even* to the house of Israel, Thus saith the Lord God; O ye house of Israel, let it suffice you of all your abominations, ⁷in that ye have brought *into my sanctuary* *strangers, uncircumcised in heart, and uncir-^{Heb. children of a stranger.}

cumcised in flesh, to be in my sanctuary, to pollute it, *even* my house, when ye offer my bread, the fat and the blood, and they have broken my covenant because of all your abominations. ⁸ And ye have not kept the charge of mine holy things: but ye have set keepers of my *charge in my sanctuary for yourselves. Or, *word*, or, ordinance.

⁹ Thus saith the Lord God; No stranger, uncircumcised in heart, nor uncircumcised in flesh, shall enter into my sanctuary, of any stranger that *is* among the children of Israel. ¹⁰ And the Levites that are gone away far from me, when Israel went astray, which went astray away from me after their idols; they shall even bear their iniquity. ¹¹ Yet they shall be ministers in my sanctuary, *having* charge at the gates of the house, and ministering to the house: they shall slay the burnt offering and the sacrifice for the people, and they shall stand before them to minister unto them. ¹² Because they ministered unto them before their idols, and *caused the house of Israel Heb. *were for a stumblingblock of iniquity unto,* &c. to fall into iniquity; therefore have I lifted up mine hand against them, saith the Lord God, and they shall bear their iniquity. ¹³ And they shall not come near unto me, to do the office of a priest unto me, nor to come near to any of my holy things, in the most holy *place*: but they shall bear their shame, and their abominations which they have committed. ¹⁴ But I will make them keepers of the charge of the house, for all the service thereof, and for all that shall be done therein.

¹⁵ But the priests, the Levites, the sons of Zadok, that kept the charge of my sanctuary when the children of Israel went astray from me, they shall come near to me to minister unto me, and they shall stand before me to offer unto me the fat and the blood, saith the Lord God; ¹⁶ they shall enter into my sanc-

tuary, and they shall come near to my table, to minister unto me, and they shall keep my charge. ¹⁷ And it shall come to pass, *that* when they enter in at the gates of the inner court, they shall be clothed with linen garments; and no wool shall come upon them, whiles they minister in the gates of the inner court, and within. ¹⁸ They shall have linen bonnets upon their heads, and shall have linen breeches upon their loins; they shall not gird *themselves* * with <sup>Or, in sweating places.
Heb. in, or, with sweat.</sup> any thing that causeth sweat. ¹⁹ And when they go forth into the utter court, *even* into the utter court to the people, they shall put off their garments wherein they ministered, and lay them in the holy chambers, and they shall put on other garments; and they shall not sanctify the people with their garments. ²⁰ Neither shall they shave their heads, nor suffer their locks to grow long; they shall only poll their heads. ²¹ Neither shall any priest drink wine, when they enter into the inner court. ²² Neither shall they take for their wives a widow, nor her that is * put away: but they ^{Heb. thrust forth.} shall take maidens of the seed of the house of Israel, or a widow * that had a priest before. ²³ And ^{Heb. from a priest.} they shall teach my people *the difference* between the holy and profane, and cause them to discern between the unclean and the clean. ²⁴ And in controversy they shall stand in judgment; *and* they shall judge it according to my judgments: and they shall keep my laws and my statutes in all mine assemblies; and they shall hallow my sabbaths. ²⁵ And they shall come at no dead person to defile themselves: but for father, or for mother, or for son, or for daughter, for brother, or for sister that hath had no husband, they may defile themselves. ²⁶ And after he is cleansed they shall reckon unto him seven days.

²⁷ And in the day that he goeth into the sanctuary,

unto the inner court, to minister in the sanctuary, he shall offer his sin offering, saith the Lord God. ²⁸ And it shall be unto them for an inheritance: I *am* their inheritance: and ye shall give them no possession in Israel: I *am* their possession. ²⁹ They shall eat the meat offering, and the sin offering, and the trespass offering; and every *dedicated thing in Israel Or, devoted. shall be their's. ³⁰ And the *first of all the first- Or, chief. fruits of all *things*, and every oblation of all, of every *sort* of your oblations, shall be the priest's: ye shall also give unto the priest the first of your dough, that he may cause the blessing to rest in thine house. ³¹ The priest shall not eat of any thing that is dead of itself, or torn, whether it be fowl or beast.

XLV. Moreover, *when ye shall divide Heb. when ye cause the land to fall. by lot the land for inheritance, ye shall offer an oblation unto the LORD, *an holy portion of the Heb. holiness. land: the length *shall be* the length of five and twenty thousand *reeds*, and the breadth *shall be* ten thousand. This *shall be* holy in all the borders thereof round about. ² Of this there shall be for the sanctuary five hundred *in length*, with five hundred *in breadth*, square round about; and fifty cubits round about for the *suburbs thereof. ³ And of this measure shalt Or, void places. thou measure the length of five and twenty thousand, and the breadth of ten thousand: and in it shall be the sanctuary *and* the most holy *place*. ⁴ The holy *portion* of the land shall be for the priests the ministers of the sanctuary, which shall come near to minister unto the LORD: and it shall be a place for their houses, and an holy place for the sanctuary.

⁵ And the five and twenty thousand of length, and the ten thousand of breadth, shall also the Levites, the ministers of the house, have for themselves, for a possession for twenty chambers.

⁶And ye shall appoint the possession of the city five thousand broad, and five and twenty thousand long, over against the oblation of the holy *portion*: it shall be for the whole house of Israel.

⁷And a *portion shall be* for the prince on the one side, and on the other side of the oblation of the holy *portion*, and of the possession of the city, before the oblation of the holy *portion*, and before the possession of the city, from the west side westward, and from the east side eastward: and the length *shall be* over against one of the portions, from the west border unto the east border. ⁸In the land shall be his possession in Israel: and my princes shall no more oppress my people; and *the rest of* the land shall they give to the house of Israel according to their tribes.

⁹Thus saith the Lord God; Let it suffice you, O princes of Israel: remove violence and spoil, and execute judgment and justice, take away your ^{*}exactions from my people, saith the Lord God. ¹⁰Ye ^{Heb. expulsions.} shall have just balances, and a just ephah, and a just bath. ¹¹The ephah and the bath shall be of one measure, that the bath may contain the tenth part of an homer, and the ephah the tenth part of an homer: the measure thereof shall be after the homer. ¹²And the shekel *shall be* twenty gerahs: twenty shekels, five and twenty shekels, fifteen shekels, shall be your maneh.

¹³This *is* the oblation that ye shall offer; the sixth part of an ephah of an homer of wheat, and ye shall give the sixth part of an ephah of an homer of barley: ¹⁴concerning the ordinance of oil, the bath of oil, *ye shall offer* the tenth part of a bath out of the cor, *which is* an homer of ten baths; for ten baths *are* an homer: ¹⁵and one ^{*}lamb out of the flock, out of two hun- ^{Or, kid.} dred, out of the fat pastures of Israel; for a meat offering, and for a burnt offering, and for ^{*}peace ^{Or, thank offerings.}

offerings, to make reconciliation for them, saith the Lord God. ¹⁶ All the people of the land *shall ^{Heb. shall be for.} give this oblation *for the prince in Israel. ^{Or, with.}

¹⁷ And it shall be the prince's part *to give* burnt offerings, and meat offerings, and drink offerings, in the feasts, and in the new moons, and in the sabbaths, in all solemnities of the house of Israel: he shall prepare the sin offering, and the meat offering, and the burnt offering, and the *peace offerings, to make recon- ^{Or, thank offerings.} ciliation for the house of Israel.

¹⁸ Thus saith the Lord God; In the first *month*, in the first *day* of the month, thou shalt take a young bullock without blemish, and cleanse the sanctuary: ¹⁹ and the priest shall take of the blood of the sin offering, and put *it* upon the posts of the house, and upon the four corners of the settle of the altar, and upon the posts of the gate of the inner court. ²⁰ And so thou shalt do the seventh *day* of the month for every one that erreth, and for *him that is* simple: so shall ye reconcile the house.

²¹ In the first *month*, in the fourteenth day of the month, ye shall have the passover, a feast of seven days; unleavened bread shall be eaten. ²² And upon that day shall the prince prepare for himself and for all the people of the land a bullock *for* a sin offering. ²³ And seven days of the feast he shall prepare a burnt offering to the Lord, seven bullocks and seven rams without blemish daily the seven days; and a kid of the goats daily *for* a sin offering. ²⁴ And he shall prepare a meat offering of an ephah for a bullock, and an ephah for a ram, and an hin of oil for an ephah. ²⁵ In the seventh *month*, in the fifteenth day of the month, shall he do the like in the feast of the seven days, according to the sin offering, according to the burnt offering, and according to the meat offering, and according to the oil.

XLVI. Thus saith the Lord God; The gate of the inner court that looketh toward the east shall be shut the six working days; but on the sabbath it shall be opened, and in the day of the new moon it shall be opened. ²And the prince shall enter by the way of the porch of *that* gate without, and shall stand by the post of the gate, and the priests shall prepare his burnt offering and his peace offerings, and he shall worship at the threshold of the gate: then he shall go forth; but the gate shall not be shut until the evening. ³Likewise the people of the land shall worship at the door of this gate before the LORD in the sabbaths and in the new moons.

⁴And the burnt offering that the prince shall offer unto the LORD in the sabbath day *shall be* six lambs without blemish, and a ram without blemish. ⁵And the meat offering *shall be* an ephah for a ram, and the meat offering for the lambs ^{*}as he shall be ^{Heb. the gift of his hand.} able to give, and an hin of oil to an ephah. ⁶And in the day of the new moon *it shall be* a young bullock without blemish, and six lambs, and a ram: they shall be without blemish. ⁷And he shall prepare a meat offering, an ephah for a bullock, and an ephah for a ram, and for the lambs according as his hand shall attain unto, and an hin of oil to an ephah.

⁸And when the prince shall enter, he shall go in by the way of the porch of *that* gate, and he shall go forth by the way thereof. ⁹But when the people of the land shall come before the LORD in the solemn feasts, he that entereth in by the way of the north gate to worship shall go out by the way of the south gate: and he that entereth by the way of the south gate shall go forth by the way of the north gate: he shall not return by the way of the gate whereby he came in, but shall go forth over against it. ¹⁰And the

prince in the midst of them, when they go in, shall go in; and when they go forth, shall go forth.

¹¹ And in the feasts and in the solemnities the meat offering shall be an ephah to a bullock, and an ephah to a ram, and to the lambs as he is able to give, and an hin of oil to an ephah. ¹² Now when the prince shall prepare a voluntary burnt offering or peace offerings voluntarily unto the LORD, *one* shall then open him the gate that looketh toward the east, and he shall prepare his burnt offering and his peace offerings, as he did on the sabbath day: then he shall go forth; and after his going forth *one* shall shut the gate.

¹³ Thou shalt daily prepare a burnt offering unto the LORD *of* a lamb *of the first year without ^{Heb. a son of his year.} blemish: thou shalt prepare it *every morn- ^{Heb. morning by morning.} ing. ¹⁴ And thou shalt prepare a meat offering for it every morning, the sixth part of an ephah, and the third part of an hin of oil, to temper with the fine flour; a meat offering continually by a perpetual ordinance unto the LORD. ¹⁵ Thus shall they prepare the lamb, and the meat offering, and the oil, every morning *for* a continual burnt offering.

¹⁶ Thus saith the Lord GOD; If the prince give a gift unto any of his sons, the inheritance thereof shall be his sons'; it *shall be* their possession by inheritance. ¹⁷ But if he give a gift of his inheritance to one of his servants, then it shall be his to the year of liberty; after it shall return to the prince: but his inheritance shall be his sons' for them. ¹⁸ Moreover the prince shall not take of the people's inheritance by oppression, to thrust them out of their possession; *but* he shall give his sons inheritance out of his own possession: that my people be not scattered every man from his possession.

¹⁹ After he brought me through the entry, which

was at the side of the gate, into the holy chambers of the priests, which looked toward the north; and, behold, there *was* a place on the two sides westward.

²⁰ Then said he unto me, This *is* the place where the priests shall boil the trespass offering and the sin offering, where they shall bake the meat offering; that they bear *them* not out into the utter court, to sanctify the people.

²¹ Then he brought me forth into the utter court, and caused me to pass by the four corners of the court; and, behold, ^{*}in every corner of the court *there was* a court. ²² In the four corners of the court *there were* courts ^{*}joined of forty *cubits* long and thirty broad: these four ^{*}corners *were* of one measure. ²³ And *there* ^{Heb. a court in a corner of a court, and a court in a corner of a court. Or, made with chimneys.} ^{Heb. cornered.} *was* a row of *building* round about in them, round about them four, and *it was* made with boiling places under the rows round about. ²⁴ Then said he unto me, These *are* the places of them that boil, where the ministers of the house shall boil the sacrifice of the people.

XLVII. Afterward he brought me again unto the door of the house; and, behold, waters issued out from under the threshold of the house eastward: for the forefront of the house *stood toward* the east, and the waters came down from under from the right side of the house, at the south *side* of the altar. ² Then brought he me out of the way of the gate northward, and led me about the way without unto the utter gate by the way that looketh eastward; and, behold, there ran out waters on the right side.

³ And when the man that had the line in his hand went forth eastward, he measured a thousand cubits, and he brought me through the waters; the ^{*}waters *were* to the ancles. ⁴ Again he measured a ^{Heb. waters of the ancles.}

thousand, and brought me through the waters; the waters *were* to the knees. Again he measured a thousand, and brought me through; the waters *were* to the loins. ⁵Afterward he measured a thousand; *and it was* a river that I could not pass over: for the waters were risen, ^{*}waters to swim in, a ^{Heb. waters of swimming.} river that could not be passed over.

⁶And he said unto me, Son of man, hast thou seen *this*? Then he brought me, and caused me to return to the brink of the river. ⁷Now when I had returned, behold, at the ^{*}bank of the river *were* very ^{Heb. lip.} many trees on the one side and on the other. ⁸Then said he unto me, These waters issue out toward the east country, and go down into the ^{*}desert, ^{Or, plain.} and go into the sea: *which being* brought forth into the sea, the waters shall be healed. ⁹And it shall come to pass, *that* every thing that liveth, which moveth, whithersoever the ^{*}rivers shall come, ^{Heb. two rivers.} shall live: and there shall be a very great multitude of fish, because these waters shall come thither: for they shall be healed; and every thing shall live whither the river cometh. ¹⁰And it shall come to pass, *that* the fishers shall stand upon it from En-gedi even unto En-eglaim; they shall be a *place* to spread forth nets; their fish shall be according to their kinds, as the fish of the great sea, exceeding many. ¹¹But the miry places thereof and the marishes thereof ^{*}shall not be healed; they shall be given ^{Or, and that which shall not be healed.} to salt.

¹²And by the river upon the bank thereof, on this side and on that side, ^{*}shall grow all trees ^{Heb. shall come up.} for meat, whose leaf shall not fade, neither shall the fruit thereof be consumed: it shall bring forth ^{*}new fruit according to his months, because their ^{Or, principal.} waters they issued out of the sanctuary: and the fruit

thereof shall be for meat, and the leaf thereof *for medicine.

Or, for bruises and sores.

¹³ Thus saith the Lord God; This *shall be* the border, whereby ye shall inherit the land according to the twelve tribes of Israel: Joseph *shall have two* portions.

¹⁴ And ye shall inherit it, one as well as another: *concerning* the which I *lifted up mine

Or, swore.

hand to give it unto your fathers: and this land shall fall unto you for inheritance.

¹⁵ And this *shall be* the border of the land toward the north side, from the great sea, the way of Hethlon, as men go to Zedad;

¹⁶ Hamath, Berothah, Sibram, which *is* between the border of Damascus, and the border of Hamath; *Hazar-hatticon, which *is* by the coast of Hauran.

Or, the middle village.

¹⁷ And the border from the sea shall be Hazar-enan, the border of Damascus, and the north northward, and the border of Hamath. And *this is* the north

side. ¹⁸ And the east side ye shall measure *from

Heb. from between.

Hauran, and from Damascus, and from Gilead, and from the land of Israel *by* Jordan, from the border unto the east sea. And *this is* the east side.

¹⁹ And the south side southward, from Tamar *even* to the waters of *strife *in* Kadesh, the *river to the

Or, Meribah. Or, valley.

great sea. And *this is* the south side *south-

Or, toward Teman.

²⁰ The west side also *shall be* the great sea from the border, till a man come over against Hamath. This *is* the west side.

²¹ So shall ye divide this land unto you according to the tribes of Israel. ²² And it shall come to pass

that ye shall divide it by lot for an inheritance unto you, and to the strangers that sojourn among you, which shall beget children among you, and they shall be unto you as born in the country among the children of Israel; they shall have inheritance with you among the tribes of Israel. ²³ And it shall come to

pass, *that* in what tribe the stranger sojourneth, there shall ye give *him* his inheritance, saith the Lord God.

XLVIII. Now these *are* the names of the tribes. From the north end to the coast of the way of Hethlon, as one goeth to Hamath, Hazar-enan, the border of Damascus northward, to the coast of Hamath; for these are his sides east *and* west; * a *portion for* ^{Heb. one portion.} Dan. ² And by the border of Dan, from the east side unto the west side, a *portion for* Asher. ³ And by the border of Asher, from the east side even unto the west side, a *portion for* Naphtali. ⁴ And by the border of Naphtali, from the east side unto the west side, a *portion for* Manasseh. ⁵ And by the border of Manasseh, from the east side unto the west side, a *portion for* Ephraim. ⁶ And by the border of Ephraim, from the east side even unto the west side, a *portion for* Reuben. ⁷ And by the border of Reuben, from the east side even unto the west side, a *portion for* Judah.

⁸ And by the border of Judah, from the east side unto the west side, shall be the offering which ye shall offer of five and twenty thousand *reeds* in breadth, and in length as one of the *other* parts, from the east side unto the west side: and the sanctuary shall be in the midst of it. ⁹ The oblation that ye shall offer unto the LORD *shall be* of five and twenty thousand in length, and of ten thousand in breadth. ¹⁰ And for them, *even* for the priests, shall be *this* holy oblation; toward the north five and twenty thousand in length, and toward the west ten thousand in breadth, and toward the east ten thousand in breadth, and toward the south five and twenty thousand in length: and the sanctuary of the LORD shall be in the midst thereof.

¹¹ * *It shall be* for the priests that are ^{Or, The sanctified portion shall be for the priests.} sanctified of the sons of Zadok; which have kept my * charge, which went not astray when the chil- ^{Or, ward, or, ordinance.}

dren of Israel went astray, as the Levites went astray. ¹²And *this* oblation of the land that is offered shall be unto them a thing most holy by the border of the Levites.

¹³And over against the border of the priests the Levites *shall have* five and twenty thousand in length, and ten thousand in breadth: all the length *shall be* five and twenty thousand, and the breadth ten thousand. ¹⁴And they shall not sell of it, neither exchange, nor alienate the firstfruits of the land: for *it is* holy unto the LORD.

¹⁵And the five thousand, that are left in the breadth over against the five and twenty thousand, shall be a profane *place* for the city, for dwelling, and for suburbs: and the city shall be in the midst thereof. ¹⁶And these *shall be* the measures thereof; the north side four thousand and five hundred, and the south side four thousand and five hundred, and on the east side four thousand and five hundred, and the west four thousand and five hundred. ¹⁷And the suburbs of the city shall be toward the north two hundred and fifty, and toward the south two hundred and fifty, and toward the east two hundred and fifty, and toward the west two hundred and fifty.

¹⁸And the residue in length over against the oblation of the holy *portion shall be* ten thousand eastward, and ten thousand westward: and it shall be over against the oblation of the holy *portion*; and the increase thereof shall be for food unto them that serve the city. ¹⁹And they that serve the city shall serve it out of all the tribes of Israel.

²⁰All the oblation *shall be* five and twenty thousand by five and twenty thousand: ye shall offer the holy oblation foursquare, with the possession of the city.

²¹And the residue *shall be* for the prince, on the one

side and on the other of the holy oblation, and of the possession of the city, over against the five and twenty thousand of the oblation toward the east border, and westward over against the five and twenty thousand toward the west border, over against the portions for the prince: and it shall be the holy oblation; and the sanctuary of the house *shall be* in the midst thereof.

²² Moreover from the possession of the Levites, and from the possession of the city, *being* in the midst of *that* which is the prince's, between the border of Judah and the border of Benjamin, shall be for the prince.

²³ As for the rest of the tribes, from the east side unto the west side Benjamin *shall have* *a por- Heb. one portion.

tion. ²⁴ And by the border of Benjamin, from the east side unto the west side, Simeon *shall have* a portion.

²⁵ And by the border of Simeon, from the east side unto the west side, Issachar a portion. ²⁶ And by the

border of Issachar, from the east side unto the west side, Zebulun a portion. ²⁷ And by the border of

Zebulun, from the east side unto the west side, Gad a portion. ²⁸ And by the border of Gad, at the south

side southward, the border shall be even from Tamar unto the waters of *strife in Kadesh, and to Heb. Meribah-kadesh. the river toward the great sea.

²⁹ This *is* the land which ye shall divide by lot unto the tribes of Israel for inheritance, and these *are* their portions, saith the Lord God.

³⁰ And these *are* the goings out of the city on the north side, four thousand and five hundred measures.

³¹ And the gates of the city *shall be* after the names of the tribes of Israel: three gates northward; one gate of Reuben, one gate of Judah, one gate of Levi.

³² And at the east side four thousand and five hundred: and three gates; and one gate of Joseph, one gate of Benjamin, one gate of Dan. ³³ And at the south side

four thousand and five hundred measures: and three gates; one gate of Simeon, one gate of Issachar, one gate of Zebulun. ³⁴At the west side four thousand and five hundred, *with* their three gates; one gate of Gad, one gate of Asher, one gate of Naphtali. ³⁵*It was* round about eighteen thousand *measures*:

And the name of the city from *that* day *shall be*,
*The LORD *is* there.

Heb. *Jehovah-shammah.*

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THE BOOK OF DANIEL.

THE prophet Daniel was of royal extraction. He was carried away a captive hostage by Nebuchadnezzar, and in the providence of God was promoted in the service of the kings of Babylon to high dignities and honours. During his captivity the Babylonian empire was superseded by that of the Medes and Persians, but Daniel continued to serve Darius and Cyrus in the highest offices.

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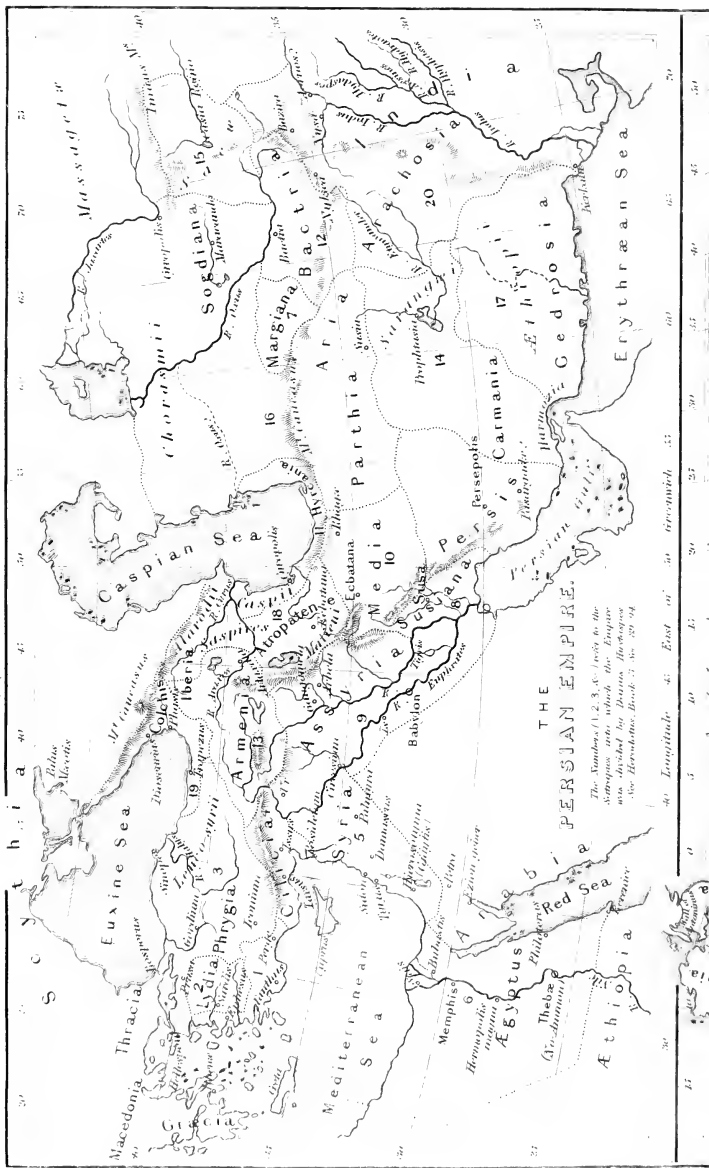
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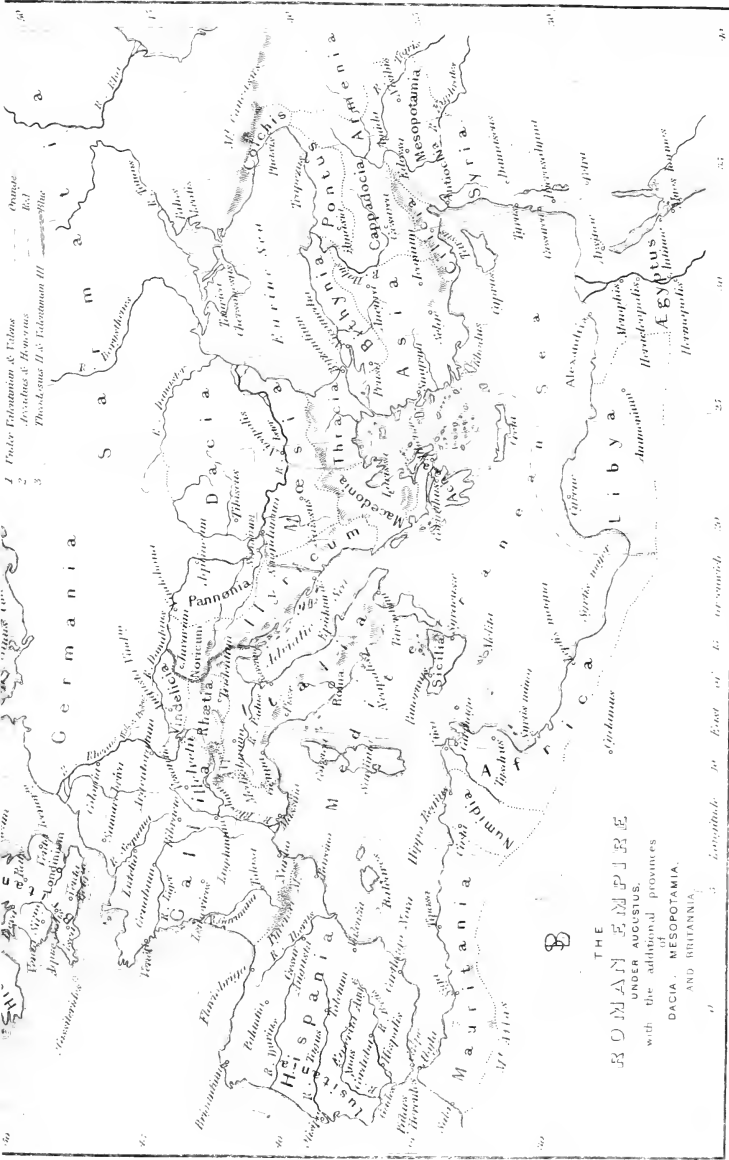
It may be divided into Two Parts :—

- I. Is chiefly historical, and contains an account of the captivity and education of Daniel and his companions (chap. i.); Nebuchadnezzar's prophetic dream, with its interpretation (chap. ii.); the miraculous deliverance of Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego from the fiery furnace (chap. iii.); the punishment of Nebuchadnezzar's pride and arrogance, by the loss of his reason and throne for seven years (chap. iv.); the impiety and portended fate of Belshazzar (chap. v.); the miraculous preservation of Daniel in the lions' den (chap. vi.)

- II. Is strictly prophetical, and comprises an account of Daniel's vision of the four beasts, respecting the four great monarchies of the world,—the Babylonian, Medo-Persian, Macedonian, and Roman (chap. vii.); his vision of the ram and he-goat, in which is foretold the destruction of the Medo-Persian empire, typified by the ram—by the Macedonians, or Greeks, under Alexander, represented by the he-goat (chap. viii.); his prediction of the seventy prophetic weeks, or 490 years, which should elapse from the date of the edict to rebuild Jerusalem and the Temple, to the death of the Messiah (chap. ix.); his last vision, in which he is informed of various particulars respecting the Persian, Grecian, and Roman empires, the kingdom of the Messiah, and the rise, tyranny, and fall of Antichrist (chap. x-xii.)

COMPARATIVE VIEW OF THE ANCIENT PERSIAN AND ROMAN EMPIRES.





THE
ROMAN EMPIRE
UNDER AUGUSTUS.
with the additional provinces
of
DACIA, MESOPOTAMIA,
AND BRITANNIA.

DANIEL.



I. IN the third year of the reign of Jehoiakim king of Judah came Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon unto Jerusalem, and besieged it. ² And the Lord gave Jehoiakim king of Judah into his hand, with part of the vessels of the house of God: which he carried into the land of Shinar to the house of his god; and he brought the vessels into the treasure house of his god.

³ And the king spake unto Ashpenaz the master of his eunuchs, that he should bring *certain* of the children of Israel, and of the king's seed, and of the princes; ⁴ children in whom *was* no blemish, but well favoured, and skilful in all wisdom, and cunning in knowledge, and understanding science, and such as *had* ability in them to stand in the king's palace, and whom they might teach the learning and the tongue of the Chaldeans. ⁵ And the king appointed them a daily provision of the king's meat, and of ^{*}the Heb. the wine of his drink. wine which he drank: so nourishing them three years, that at the end thereof they might stand before the king.

⁶ Now among these were of the children of Judah, Daniel, Hananiah, Mishael, and Azariah: ⁷ unto whom the prince of the eunuchs gave names: for he gave

unto Daniel *the name* of Belteshazzar; and to Hana-
 niah, of Shadrach; and to Mishaël, of Meshach; and
 to Azariah, of Abed-nego.

⁸ But Daniel purposed in his heart that he would
 not defile himself with the portion of the king's meat,
 nor with the wine which he drank: therefore he re-
 quested of the prince of the eunuchs that he might
 not defile himself. ⁹ Now God had brought Daniel into
 favour and tender love with the prince of the eunuchs.
¹⁰ And the prince of the eunuchs said unto Daniel, I
 fear my lord the king, who hath appointed your meat
 and your drink: for why should he see your faces
 *worse liking than the children which *are* of Heb. sadder.
 your *sort? then shall ye make *me* endanger Or, term, or,
 continuance.
 my head to the king.

¹¹ Then said Daniel to *Melzar, whom the Or, the steward.
 prince of the eunuchs had set over Daniel, Hananiah,
 Mishaël, and Azariah, ¹² Prove thy servants, I beseech
 thee, ten days; and let them give us *pulse Heb. of pulse.
 *to eat, and water to drink. ¹³ Then let our Heb. that we may
 eat, &c.
 countenances be looked upon before thee, and the coun-
 tenance of the children that eat of the portion of the
 king's meat: and as thou seest, deal with thy servants.
¹⁴ So he consented to them in this matter, and proved
 them ten days. ¹⁵ And at the end of ten days their
 countenances appeared fairer and fatter in flesh than
 all the children which did eat the portion of the king's
 meat. ¹⁶ Thus Melzar took away the portion of their
 meat, and the wine that they should drink; and gave
 them pulse.

¹⁷ As for these four children, God gave them know-
 ledge and skill in all learning and wisdom: and
 *Daniel had understanding in all visions Or, he made Daniel
 understand.
 and dreams.

¹⁸ Now at the end of the days that the king had said

he should bring them in, then the prince of the eunuchs brought them in before Nebuchadnezzar. ¹⁹ And the king communed with them; and among them all was found none like Daniel, Hananiah, Mishael, and Azariah: therefore stood they before the king. ²⁰ And in all matters of *wisdom *and* understanding, Heb. wisdom of understanding. that the king enquired of them, he found them ten times better than all the magicians *and* astrologers that *were* in all his realm.

²¹ And Daniel continued *even* unto the first year of king Cyrus.

II. AND in the second year of the reign of Nebuchadnezzar, Nebuchadnezzar dreamed dreams, wherewith his spirit was troubled, and his sleep brake from him. ² Then the king commanded to call the magicians, and the astrologers, and the sorcerers, and the Chaldeans, for to shew the king his dreams. So they came and stood before the king. ³ And the king said unto them, I have dreamed a dream, and my spirit was troubled to know the dream.

⁴ Then spake the Chaldeans to the king in Syriack, O king, live for ever: tell thy servants the dream, and we will shew the interpretation.

⁵ The king answered and said to the Chaldeans, The thing is gone from me: if ye will not make known unto me the dream, with the interpretation thereof, ye shall be *cut in pieces, and your houses shall Chald. made pieces. be made a dunghill. ⁶ But if ye shew the dream, and the interpretation thereof, ye shall receive of me gifts and *rewards and great honour: therefore shew Or, see. me the dream, and the interpretation thereof.

⁷ They answered again and said, Let the king tell his servants the dream, and we will shew the interpretation of it.

⁸ The king answered and said, I know of certainty

that ye would *gain the time, because ye see Chald. buy. the thing is gone from me. ⁹ But if ye will not make known unto me the dream, *there is but* one decree for you: for ye have prepared lying and corrupt words to speak before me, till the time be changed: therefore tell me the dream, and I shall know that ye can shew me the interpretation thereof.

¹⁰ The Chaldeans answered before the king, and said, There is not a man upon the earth that can shew the king's matter: therefore *there is* no king, lord, nor ruler, *that* asked such things at any magician, or astrologer, or Chaldean. ¹¹ And *it is* a rare thing that the king requireth, and there is none other that can shew it before the king, except the gods, whose dwelling is not with flesh.

¹² For this cause the king was angry and very furious, and commanded to destroy all the wise *men* of Babylon.

¹³ And the decree went forth that the wise *men* should be slain; and they sought Daniel and his fellows to be slain.

¹⁴ Then Daniel *answered with counsel and Chald. returned. wisdom to Arioch the *captain of the king's Or, chief marshal. Chald. chief of the executioners, or, slaughtermen. guard, which was gone forth to slay the wise *men* of Babylon: ¹⁵ he answered and said to Arioch the king's captain, Why *is* the decree so hasty from the king? Then Arioch made the thing known to Daniel. ¹⁶ Then Daniel went in, and desired of the king that he would give him time, and that he would shew the king the interpretation.

¹⁷ Then Daniel went to his house, and made the thing known to Hananiah, Mishael, and Azariah, his companions: ¹⁸ that they would desire mercies *of Chald. from before God. the God of heaven concerning this secret; *that Daniel and his fellows should not perish with Or, that they should not destroy Daniel, &c. the rest of the wise *men* of Babylon.

¹⁹ Then was the secret revealed unto Daniel in a night vision. Then Daniel blessed the God of heaven.
²⁰ Daniel answered and said,

Blessed be the name of God for ever and ever: for wisdom and might are his: ²¹ and he changeth the times and the seasons: he removeth kings, and setteth up kings: he giveth wisdom unto the wise, and knowledge to them that know understanding: ²² he revealeth the deep and secret things: he knoweth what *is* in the darkness, and the light dwelleth with him. ²³ I thank thee, and praise thee, O thou God of my fathers, who hast given me wisdom and might, and hast made known unto me now what we desired of thee: for thou hast *now* made known unto us the king's matter.

²⁴ Therefore Daniel went in unto Arioch, whom the king had ordained to destroy the wise *men* of Babylon: he went and said thus unto him; Destroy not the wise *men* of Babylon: bring me in before the king, and I will shew unto the king the interpretation. ²⁵ Then Arioch brought in Daniel before the king in haste, and said thus unto him, *I have found a man ^{Chald. *That I have found.*} of the *captives of Judah, that will make ^{Chald. *children of the captivity of Judah.*} known unto the king the interpretation.

²⁶ The king answered and said to Daniel, whose name *was* Belteshazzar, Art thou able to make known unto me the dream which I have seen, and the interpretation thereof?

²⁷ Daniel answered in the presence of the king, and said, The secret which the king hath demanded cannot the wise *men*, the astrologers, the magicians, the sooth-sayers, shew unto the king; ²⁸ but there is a God in heaven that revealeth secrets, and *maketh ^{Chald. *hath made known.*}

known to the king Nebuchadnezzar what shall be in the latter days. Thy dream, and the visions of thy head upon thy bed, are these ; ²⁹ As for thee, O king, thy thoughts *came *into thy mind* upon thy Chald. came up. bed, what should come to pass hereafter : and he that revealeth secrets maketh known to thee what shall come to pass. ³⁰ But as for me, this secret is not revealed to me for *any* wisdom that I have more than any living, *but for *their* sakes that shall Or, but for the intent that the interpretation may be made known to the king. make known the interpretation to the king, and that thou mightest know the thoughts of thy heart.

³¹ Thou, O king, *sawest, and behold a great Chald. wast seeing. image. This great image, whose brightness *was* excellent, stood before thee ; and the form thereof *was* terrible. ³² This image's head *was* of fine gold, his breast and his arms of silver, his belly and his *thighs of Or, sides. brass, ³³ his legs of iron, his feet part of iron and part of clay. ³⁴ Thou sawest till that a stone was cut out *without hands, which smote the image upon Or, which was not in hands. his feet *that were* of iron and clay, and brake them to pieces. ³⁵ Then was the iron, the clay, the brass, the silver, and the gold, broken to pieces together, and became like the chaff of the summer threshingfloors ; and the wind carried them away, that no place was found for them : and the stone that smote the image became a great mountain, and filled the whole earth. ³⁶ This *is* the dream ; and we will tell the interpretation thereof before the king.

³⁷ Thou, O king, *art* a king of kings : for the God of heaven hath given thee a kingdom, power, and strength, and glory. ³⁸ And wheresoever the children of men dwell, the beasts of the field and the fowls of the heaven hath he given into thine hand, and hath made thee ruler over them all. Thou *art* this head

of gold. ³⁹ And after thee shall arise another kingdom inferior to thee, and another third kingdom of brass, which shall bear rule over all the earth. ⁴⁰ And the fourth kingdom shall be strong as iron: forasmuch as iron breaketh in pieces and subdueth all *things*: and as iron that breaketh all these, shall it break in pieces and bruise. ⁴¹ And whereas thou sawest the feet and toes, part of potters' clay, and part of iron, the kingdom shall be divided; but there shall be in it of the strength of the iron, forasmuch as thou sawest the iron mixed with miry clay. ⁴² And *as* the toes of the feet *were* part of iron, and part of clay, *so* the kingdom shall be partly strong, and partly *broken. Or, *brittle*. ⁴³ And whereas thou sawest iron mixed with miry clay, they shall mingle themselves with the seed of men: but they shall not cleave *one to another, even Chald. *this with this*. as iron is not mixed with clay. ⁴⁴ And in *the days of these kings shall the God of heaven set up Chald. *their days*. a kingdom, which shall never be destroyed: and the *kingdom shall not be left to other people, Chald. *kingdom thereof*. *but* it shall break in pieces and consume all these kingdoms, and it shall stand for ever. ⁴⁵ Forasmuch as thou sawest that the stone was cut out of the mountain *without hands, and that it brake Or, *which was not in hands*. in pieces the iron, the brass, the clay, the silver and the gold; the great God hath made known to the king what shall come to pass *hereafter: and Chald. *after this*. the dream *is* certain, and the interpretation thereof sure.

⁴⁶ Then the king Nebuchadnezzar fell upon his face, and worshipped Daniel, and commanded that they should offer an oblation and sweet odours unto him. ⁴⁷ The king answered unto Daniel, and said, Of a truth *it is*, that your God *is* a God of gods, and a Lord of kings, and a revealer of secrets, seeing thou couldest

reveal this secret. ⁴⁸ Then the king made Daniel a great man, and gave him many great gifts, and made him ruler over the whole province of Babylon, and chief of the governors over all the wise *men* of Babylon. ⁴⁹ Then Daniel requested of the king, and he set Shadrach, Meshach, and Abed-nego, over the affairs of the province of Babylon: but Daniel *sat* in the gate of the king.

III. NEBUCHADNEZZAR the king made an image of gold, whose height *was* threescore cubits, *and* the breadth thereof six cubits: he set it up in the plain of Dura, in the province of Babylon.

² Then Nebuchadnezzar the king sent to gather together the princes, the governors, and the captains, the judges, the treasurers, the counsellors, the sheriffs, and all the rulers of the provinces, to come to the dedication of the image which Nebuchadnezzar the king had set up. ³ Then the princes, the governors, and captains, the judges, the treasurers, the counsellors, the sheriffs, and all the rulers of the provinces, were gathered together unto the dedication of the image that Nebuchadnezzar the king had set up; and they stood before the image that Nebuchadnezzar had set up.

⁴ Then an herald cried *aloud, To you Chald. with might.
 *it is commanded, O people, nations, and lan- Chald. they command.
 guages, ⁵ *that* at what time ye hear the sound of the
 cornet, flute, harp, sackbut, psaltery, *dul- Or, singing. Chald. symphony.
 cimer, and all kinds of musick, ye fall down and wor-
 ship the golden image that Nebuchadnezzar the king
 hath set up: ⁶ and whoso falleth not down and wor-
 shippeth shall the same hour be cast into the midst
 of a burning fiery furnace. ⁷ Therefore at that time,
 when all the people heard the sound of the cornet,
 flute, harp, sackbut, psaltery, and all kinds of musick,

all the people, the nations, and the languages, fell down *and* worshipped the golden image that Nebuchadnezzar the king had set up.

⁸ Wherefore at that time certain Chaldeans came near, and accused the Jews. ⁹ They spake and said to the king Nebuchadnezzar, O king, live for ever. ¹⁰ Thou, O king, hast made a decree, that every man that shall hear the sound of the cornet, flute, harp, sackbut, psaltery, and dulcimer, and all kinds of musick, shall fall down and worship the golden image: ¹¹ and whoso falleth not down and worshippeth, *that* he should be cast into the midst of a burning fiery furnace. ¹² There are certain Jews whom thou hast set over the affairs of the province of Babylon, Shadrach, Meshach, and Abed-nego; these men, O king, ^{*} have not regarded thee: they serve not thy Chald. have set no regard upon thee. gods, nor worship the golden image which thou hast set up.

¹³ Then Nebuchadnezzar in *his* rage and fury commanded to bring Shadrach, Meshach, and Abed-nego. Then they brought these men before the king. ¹⁴ Nebuchadnezzar spake and said unto them, *Is it* ^{*} true, O Shadrach, Meshach, and Abed-nego, do Or, of purpose. not ye serve my gods, nor worship the golden image which I have set up? ¹⁵ Now if ye be ready that at what time ye hear the sound of the cornet, flute, harp, sackbut, psaltery, and dulcimer, and all kinds of musick, ye fall down and worship the image which I have made; *well*: but if ye worship not, ye shall be cast the same hour into the midst of a burning fiery furnace; and who *is* that God that shall deliver you out of my hands?

¹⁶ Shadrach, Meshach, and Abed-nego, answered and said to the king, O Nebuchadnezzar, we *are* not careful to answer thee in this matter. ¹⁷ If it be *so*, our

God whom we serve is able to deliver us from the burning fiery furnace, and he will deliver *us* out of thine hand, O king. ¹⁸ But if not, be it known unto thee, O king, that we will not serve thy gods, nor worship the golden image which thou hast set up.

¹⁹ Then was Nebuchadnezzar *full of fury, Chald. filled. and the form of his visage was changed against Shadrach, Meshach, and Abed-nego: *therefore* he spake, and commanded that they should heat the furnace one seven times more than it was wont to be heated.

²⁰ And he commanded the *most mighty men Chald. mighty of strength. that *were* in his army to bind Shadrach, Meshach, and Abed-nego, *and* to cast *them* into the burning fiery furnace. ²¹ Then these men were bound in their

*coats, their hosen, and their *hats, and their Or, mantles. Or, turbans. *other* garments, and were cast into the midst of the burning fiery furnace. ²² Therefore, because the king's *commandment was urgent, and the furnace Chald. word. exceeding hot, the *flame of the fire slew those Or, spark. men that took up Shadrach, Meshach, and Abed-nego.

²³ And these three men, Shadrach, Meshach, and Abed-nego, fell down bound into the midst of the burning fiery furnace.

²⁴ Then Nebuchadnezzar the king was astonished, and rose up in haste, *and* spake, and said unto his *counsellors, Did not we cast three men bound Or, governors. into the midst of the fire? They answered and said unto the king, True, O king. ²⁵ He answered and said, Lo, I see four men loose, walking in the midst of the fire, and *they have no hurt; and Chald. there is no hurt in them. the form of the fourth is like the Son of God.

²⁶ Then Nebuchadnezzar came near to the *mouth of the burning fiery furnace, *and* spake, and Chald. door. said, Shadrach, Meshach, and Abed-nego, ye servants of the most high God, come forth, and come *hither*.

Then Shadrach, Meshach, and Abed-nego, came forth of the midst of the fire. ²⁷ And the princes, governors, and captains, and the king's counsellors, being gathered together, saw these men, upon whose bodies the fire had no power, nor was an hair of their heads singed, neither were their coats changed, nor the smell of fire had passed on them.

²⁸ *Then* Nebuchadnezzar spake, and said, Blessed be the God of Shadrach, Meshach, and Abed-nego, who hath sent his angel, and delivered his servants that trusted in him, and have changed the king's word, and yielded their bodies, that they might not serve nor worship any god, except their own God. ²⁹ Therefore *I make a decree, That every people, Chald. a decree is made by me. nation, and language, which speak *any thing Chald. error. amiss against the God of Shadrach, Meshach, and Abed-nego, shall be *cut in pieces, and their Chald. made pieces. houses shall be made a dunghill; because there is no other God that can deliver after this sort. ³⁰ Then the king *promoted Shadrach, Meshach, and Chald. made to prosper. Abed-nego, in the province of Babylon.

IV. NEBUCHADNEZZAR the king, unto all people, nations, and languages, that dwell in all the earth; Peace be multiplied unto you. ² *I thought Chald. It was seemly before me. it good to shew the signs and wonders that the high God hath wrought toward me. ³ How great *are* his signs! and how mighty *are* his wonders! his kingdom *is* an everlasting kingdom, and his dominion *is* from generation to generation.

⁴ I Nebuchadnezzar was at rest in mine house, and flourishing in my palace: ⁵ I saw a dream which made me afraid, and the thoughts upon my bed and the visions of my head troubled me. ⁶ Therefore made I a decree to bring in all the wise *men* of Babylon before me, that they might make known unto me the inter-

pretation of the dream. ⁷ Then came in the magicians, the astrologers, the Chaldeans, and the soothsayers: and I told the dream before them; but they did not make known unto me the interpretation thereof. ⁸ But at the last Daniel came in before me, whose name *was* Belteshazzar, according to the name of my god, and in whom *is* the spirit of the holy gods: and before him I told the dream, *saying*,

⁹ O Belteshazzar, master of the magicians, because I know that the spirit of the holy gods *is* in thee, and no secret troubleth thee, tell me the visions of my dream that I have seen, and the interpretation thereof.

¹⁰ Thus *were* the visions of mine head in my bed;

* I saw, and behold a tree in the midst of the ^{Chald. *I was seeing.*} earth, and the height thereof *was* great. ¹¹ The tree

grew, and was strong, and the height thereof reached unto heaven, and the sight thereof to the end of all the earth: ¹² the leaves thereof *were* fair, and the fruit thereof much, and in it *was* meat for all: the beasts of the field had shadow under it, and the fowls of the heaven dwelt in the boughs thereof, and all flesh was fed of it. ¹³ I saw in the visions of my head upon my bed, and, behold, a watcher and an holy one came down from heaven; ¹⁴ he cried *aloud, and said ^{Chald. *with might.*}

thus, Hew down the tree, and cut off his branches, shake off his leaves, and scatter his fruit: let the beasts get away from under it, and the fowls from his branches: ¹⁵ nevertheless leave the stump of his roots in the earth, even with a band of iron and brass, in the tender grass of the field; and let it be wet with the dew of heaven, and *let* his portion *be* with the beasts in the grass of the earth: ¹⁶ let his heart be changed from man's, and let a beast's heart be given unto him; and let seven times pass over him. ¹⁷ This matter *is* by the decree of the watchers, and the de-

mand by the word of the holy ones: to the intent that the living may know that the most High ruleth in the kingdom of men, and giveth it to whomsoever he will, and setteth up over it the basest of men.

¹⁸ This dream I king Nebuchadnezzar have seen. Now thou, O Belteshazzar, declare the interpretation thereof, forasmuch as all the wise *men* of my kingdom are not able to make known unto me the interpretation: but thou *art* able; for the spirit of the holy gods *is* in thee.

¹⁹ Then Daniel, whose name *was* Belteshazzar, was astonished for one hour, and his thoughts troubled him. The king spake, and said, Belteshazzar, let not the dream, or the interpretation thereof, trouble thee. Belteshazzar answered and said, My lord, the dream *be* to them that hate thee, and the interpretation thereof to thine enemies. ²⁰ The tree that thou sawest, which grew, and was strong, whose height reached unto the heaven, and the sight thereof to all the earth; ²¹ whose leaves *were* fair, and the fruit thereof much, and in it *was* meat for all; under which the beasts of the field dwelt, and upon whose branches the fowls of the heaven had their habitation: ²² *it is* thou, O king, that art grown and become strong: for thy greatness is grown and reacheth unto heaven, and thy dominion to the end of the earth. ²³ And whereas the king saw a watcher and an holy one coming down from heaven, and saying, Hew the tree down, and destroy it; yet leave the stump of the roots thereof in the earth, even with a band of iron and brass, in the tender grass of the field; and let it be wet with the dew of heaven, and *let* his portion *be* with the beasts of the field, till seven times pass over him; ²⁴ *this is* the interpretation, O king, and this *is* the decree of the most High, which is come upon my lord the king: ²⁵ That they shall

drive thee from men, and thy dwelling shall be with the beasts of the field, and they shall make thee to eat grass as oxen, and they shall wet thee with the dew of heaven, and seven times shall pass over thee, till thou know that the most High ruleth in the kingdom of men, and giveth it to whomsoever he will. ²⁶ And whereas they commanded to leave the stump of the tree roots; thy kingdom shall be sure unto thee, after that thou shalt have known that the heavens do rule.

²⁷ Wherefore, O king, let my counsel be acceptable unto thee, and break off thy sins by righteousness, and thine iniquities by shewing mercy to the poor; if it may be * a lengthening of thy tranquillity. Or, an healing of thine error.

²⁸ All this came upon the king Nebuchadnezzar.

²⁹ At the end of twelve months he walked * in Or, upon. the palace of the kingdom of Babylon. ³⁰ The king spake, and said, Is not this great Babylon, that I have built for the house of the kingdom by the might of my power, and for the honour of my majesty? ³¹ While the word *was* in the king's mouth, there fell a voice from heaven, *saying*, O king Nebuchadnezzar, to thee it is spoken; The kingdom is departed from thee.

³² And they shall drive thee from men, and thy dwelling *shall be* with the beasts of the field: they shall make thee to eat grass as oxen, and seven times shall pass over thee, until thou know that the most High ruleth in the kingdom of men, and giveth it to whomsoever he will.

³³ The same hour was the thing fulfilled upon Nebuchadnezzar: and he was driven from men, and did eat grass as oxen, and his body was wet with the dew of heaven, till his hairs were grown like eagles' *feathers*, and his nails like birds' *claws*.

³⁴ And at the end of the days I Nebuchadnezzar lifted up mine eyes unto heaven, and mine under-

standing returned unto me, and I blessed the most High, and I praised and honoured him that liveth for ever, whose dominion *is* an everlasting dominion, and his kingdom *is* from generation to generation: ³⁵ and all the inhabitants of the earth *are* reputed as nothing: and he doeth according to his will in the army of heaven, and *among* the inhabitants of the earth: and none can stay his hand, or say unto him, What doest thou? ³⁶ At the same time my reason returned unto me; and for the glory of my kingdom, mine honour and brightness returned unto me; and my counselors and my lords sought unto me; and I was established in my kingdom, and excellent majesty was added unto me.

³⁷ Now I Nebuchadnezzar praise and extol and honour the King of heaven, all whose works *are* truth, and his ways judgment: and those that walk in pride he is able to abase.

V. BELSHAZZAR the king made a great feast to a thousand of his lords, and drank wine before the thousand. ² Belshazzar, whiles he tasted the wine, commanded to bring the golden and silver vessels which his *father Nebuchadnezzar had *taken Or, grandfather.
Chald. brought forth. out of the temple which *was* in Jerusalem; that the king, and his princes, his wives, and his concubines, might drink therein. ³ Then they brought the golden vessels that were taken out of the temple of the house of God which *was* at Jerusalem; and the king, and his princes, his wives, and his concubines, drank in them. ⁴ They drank wine, and praised the gods of gold, and of silver, of brass, of iron, of wood, and of stone.

⁵ In the same hour came forth fingers of a man's hand, and wrote over against the candlestick upon the plaister of the wall of the king's palace: and the king

saw the part of the hand that wrote. ⁶ Then the king's *countenance *was changed, and his Chald. brightnesses. Chald. changed it. Or, girdles. Chald. bindings, or, knots. thoughts troubled him, so that the *joints of his loins were loosed, and his knees smote one against another. ⁷ The king cried *aloud to Chald. with might. bring in the astrologers, the Chaldeans, and the soothsayers. *And* the king spake, and said to the wise *men* of Babylon, Whosoever shall read this writing, and shew me the interpretation thereof, shall be clothed with *scarlet, and *have* a chain of gold about Or, purple. his neck, and shall be the third ruler in the kingdom. ⁸ Then came in all the king's wise *men*: but they could not read the writing, nor make known to the king the interpretation thereof. ⁹ Then was king Belshazzar greatly troubled, and his *countenance Chald. brightnesses. was changed in him, and his lords were astonished.

¹⁰ *Now* the queen by reason of the words of the king and his lords came into the banquet house: *and* the queen spake and said, O king, live for ever: let not thy thoughts trouble thee, nor let thy countenance be changed: ¹¹ there is a man in thy kingdom, in whom *is* the spirit of the holy gods; and in the days of thy *father light and understanding Or, grand-father. and wisdom, like the wisdom of the gods, was found in him; whom the king Nebuchadnezzar thy *father, the king, *I say*, thy father, made master of the Or, grand-father. magicians, astrologers, Chaldeans, *and* soothsayers; ¹² forasmuch as an excellent spirit, and knowledge, and understanding, *interpreting of dreams, Or, of an interpreter, &c. and shewing of hard sentences, and *dissolving Or, of a dissolver. of *doubts, were found in the same Daniel, Chald. knots. whom the king named Belteshazzar: now let Daniel be called, and he will shew the interpretation.

¹³ Then was Daniel brought in before the king. *And* the king spake and said unto Daniel, *Art* thou that

Daniel, which *art* of the children of the captivity of Judah, whom the king my *father brought out ^{Or, grand-father.} of Jewry? ¹⁴ I have even heard of thee, that the spirit of the gods *is* in thee, and *that* light and understanding and excellent wisdom is found in thee. ¹⁵ And now the wise *men*, the astrologers, have been brought in before me, that they should read this writing, and make known unto me the interpretation thereof: but they could not shew the interpretation of the thing: ¹⁶ and I have heard of thee, that thou canst *make interpretations, and dissolve doubts: now ^{Chald. interpret.} if thou canst read the writing, and make known to me the interpretation thereof, thou shalt be clothed with scarlet, and *have* a chain of gold about thy neck, and shalt be the third ruler in the kingdom.

¹⁷ Then Daniel answered and said before the king, Let thy gifts be to thyself, and give thy *rewards ^{Or, fee.} to another; yet I will read the writing unto the king, and make known to him the interpretation. ¹⁸ O thou king, the most high God gave Nebuchadnezzar thy father a kingdom, and majesty, and glory, and honour: ¹⁹ and for the majesty that he gave him, all people, nations, and languages, trembled and feared before him: whom he would he slew; and whom he would he kept alive; and whom he would he set up; and whom he would he put down. ²⁰ But when his heart was lifted up, and his mind hardened *in pride, ^{Or, to deal proudly.} he was *deposed from his kingly throne, and ^{Chald. made to come down.} they took his glory from him: ²¹ and he was driven from the sons of men; and *his heart was ^{Or, he made his heart equal, &c.} made like the beasts, and his dwelling *was* with the wild asses: they fed him with grass like oxen, and his body was wet with the dew of heaven; till he knew that the most high God ruled in the kingdom of men, and *that* he appointeth over it whomsoever

he will. ²² And thou his son, O Belshazzar, hast not humbled thine heart, though thou knewest all this; ²³ but hast lifted up thyself against the Lord of heaven; and they have brought the vessels of his house before thee, and thou, and thy lords, thy wives, and thy concubines, have drunk wine in them; and thou hast praised the gods of silver, and gold, of brass, iron, wood, and stone, which see not, nor hear, nor know: and the God in whose hand thy breath *is*, and whose *are* all thy ways, hast thou not glorified: ²⁴ then was the part of the hand sent from him; and this writing was written.

²⁵ And this *is* the writing that was written, MENE, MENE, TEKEL, UPHARSIN. ²⁶ This *is* the interpretation of the thing: MENE; God hath numbered thy kingdom, and finished it. ²⁷ TEKEL; Thou art weighed in the balances, and art found wanting. ²⁸ PERES; Thy kingdom is divided, and given to the Medes and Persians.

²⁹ Then commanded Belshazzar, and they clothed Daniel with scarlet, and *put* a chain of gold about his neck, and made a proclamation concerning him, that he should be the third ruler in the kingdom.

³⁰ In that night was Belshazzar the king of the Chaldeans slain.

³¹ And Darius the Median took the kingdom, **being* *about threescore and two years old.

Chald. he as the son of, &c.
Or, now.

VI. It pleased Darius to set over the kingdom an hundred and twenty princes, which should be over the whole kingdom; ² and over these three presidents; of whom Daniel *was* first: that the princes might give accounts unto them, and the king should have no damage. ³ Then this Daniel was preferred above the presidents and princes, because an excellent spirit *was* in him; and the king thought to set him over the whole realm.

⁴ Then the presidents and princes sought to find occasion against Daniel concerning the kingdom; but they could find none occasion nor fault, forasmuch as he *was* faithful, neither was there any error or fault found in him. ⁵ Then said these men, We shall not find any occasion against this Daniel, except we find *it* against him concerning the law of his God.

⁶ Then these presidents and princes *assem- Or, came tumultuously. bled together to the king, and said thus unto him, King Darius, live for ever. ⁷ All the presidents of the kingdom, the governors, and the princes, the counselors, and the captains, have consulted together to establish a royal statute, and to make a firm *decree, that whosoever shall ask a petition of any God Or, interdict. or man for thirty days, save of thee, O king, he shall be cast into the den of lions. ⁸ Now, O king, establish the decree, and sign the writing, that it be not changed, according to the law of the Medes and Persians, which *altereth not. ⁹ Wherefore king Darius signed Chald. passeth not. the writing and the decree.

¹⁰ Now when Daniel knew that the writing was signed, he went into his house; and his windows being open in his chamber toward Jerusalem, he kneeled upon his knees three times a day, and prayed, and gave thanks before his God, as he did aforetime.

¹¹ Then these men assembled, and found Daniel praying and making supplication before his God.

¹² Then they came near, and spake before the king concerning the king's decree; Hast thou not signed a decree, that every man that shall ask a *petition* of any God or man within thirty days, save of thee, O king, shall be cast into the den of lions? The king answered and said, The thing *is* true, according to the law of the Medes and Persians, which altereth not. ¹³ Then answered they and said before the king, That Daniel,

which *is* of the children of the captivity of Judah, regardeth not thee, O king, nor the decree that thou hast signed, but maketh his petition three times a day.

¹⁴ Then the king, when he heard *these* words, was sore displeased with himself, and set *his* heart on Daniel to deliver him: and he laboured till the going down of the sun to deliver him. ¹⁵ Then these men assembled unto the king, and said unto the king, Know, O king, that the law of the Medes and Persians *is*, That no decree nor statute which the king establisheth may be changed. ¹⁶ Then the king commanded, and they brought Daniel, and cast *him* into the den of lions. *Now* the king spake and said unto Daniel, Thy God whom thou servest continually, he will deliver thee. ¹⁷ And a stone was brought, and laid upon the mouth of the den; and the king sealed it with his own signet, and with the signet of his lords; that the purpose might not be changed concerning Daniel.

¹⁸ Then the king went to his palace, and passed the night fasting: neither were ^{*}instruments of Or, *table*. musick brought before him: and his sleep went from him.

¹⁹ Then the king arose very early in the morning, and went in haste unto the den of lions. ²⁰ And when he came to the den, he cried with a lamentable voice unto Daniel: *and* the king spake and said to Daniel, O Daniel, servant of the living God, is thy God, whom thou servest continually, able to deliver thee from the lions? ²¹ Then said Daniel unto the king, O king, live for ever. ²² My God hath sent his angel, and hath shut the lions' mouths, that they have not hurt me: forasmuch as before him innocency was found in me; and also before thee, O king, have I done no hurt. ²³ Then was the king exceeding glad for him, and commanded that they should take Daniel up out of the den. So

Daniel was taken up out of the den, and no manner of hurt was found upon him, because he believed in his God.

²⁴ And the king commanded, and they brought those men which had accused Daniel, and they cast *them* into the den of lions, them, their children, and their wives; and the lions had the mastery of them, and brake all their bones in pieces or ever they came at the bottom of the den.

²⁵ Then king Darius wrote unto all people, nations, and languages, that dwell in all the earth; Peace be multiplied unto you. ²⁶ I make a decree, That in every dominion of my kingdom men tremble and fear before the God of Daniel; for he *is* the living God, and stedfast for ever, and his kingdom *that* which shall not be destroyed, and his dominion *shall be even* unto the end. ²⁷ He delivereth and rescueth, and he worketh signs and wonders in heaven and in earth, who hath delivered Daniel from the *power of Chald. hand. the lions.

²⁸ So this Daniel prospered in the reign of Darius, and in the reign of Cyrus the Persian.

VII. IN the first year of Belshazzar king of Babylon Daniel *had a dream, and visions of his head Chald. saw. upon his bed: then he wrote the dream, *and* told the sum of the *matters. Or, words.

² Daniel spake and said, I saw in my vision by night, and, behold, the four winds of the heaven strove upon the great sea. ³ And four great beasts came up from the sea, diverse from one another. ⁴ The first *was* like a lion, and had eagle's wings: I beheld till the wings thereof were plucked, *and it was lifted up Or, wherewith. from the earth, and made stand upon the feet as a man, and a man's heart was given to it. ⁵ And behold another beast, a second, like to a bear, and *it Or, it raised up one dominion.

raised up itself on one side, and *it had* three ribs in the mouth of it between the teeth of it: and they said thus unto it, Arise, devour much flesh. ⁶After this I beheld, and lo another, like a leopard, which had upon the back of it four wings of a fowl; the beast had also four heads; and dominion was given to it. ⁷After this I saw in the night visions, and behold a fourth beast, dreadful and terrible, and strong exceedingly; and it had great iron teeth: it devoured and brake in pieces, and stamped the residue with the feet of it: and it *was* diverse from all the beasts that *were* before it; and it had ten horns. ⁸I considered the horns, and, behold, there came up among them another little horn, before whom there were three of the first horns plucked up by the roots: and, behold, in this horn *were* eyes like the eyes of man, and a mouth speaking great things.

⁹I beheld till the thrones were cast down, and the Ancient of days did sit, whose garment *was* white as snow, and the hair of his head like the pure wool: his throne *was like* the fiery flame, *and* his wheels *as* burning fire. ¹⁰A fiery stream issued and came forth from before him: thousand thousands ministered unto him, and ten thousand times ten thousand stood before him: the judgment was set, and the books were opened. ¹¹I beheld then because of the voice of the great words which the horn spake: I beheld *even* till the beast was slain, and his body destroyed, and given to the burning flame. ¹²As concerning the rest of the beasts, they had their dominion taken away: yet ^{*}their lives were prolonged for a Chald. a prolonging in life was given them. season and time.

¹³I saw in the night visions, and, behold, *one* like the Son of man came with the clouds of heaven, and came to the Ancient of days, and they brought him.

near before him. ¹⁴ And there was given him dominion, and glory, and a kingdom, that all people, nations, and languages, should serve him: his dominion *is* an everlasting dominion, which shall not pass away, and his kingdom *that* which shall not be destroyed.

¹⁵ I Daniel was grieved in my spirit in the midst of *my* *body, and the visions of my head Chald. sheath. troubled me. ¹⁶ I came near unto one of them that stood by, and asked him the truth of all this. So he told me, and made me know the interpretation of the things. ¹⁷ These great beasts, which are four, *are* four kings, *which* shall arise out of the earth. ¹⁸ But the saints of the *most High shall take the Chald. high ones, that is, things, or, places. kingdom, and possess the kingdom for ever, even for ever and ever.

¹⁹ Then I would know the truth of the fourth beast, which was diverse *from all the others, exceed- Chald. from all those. ing dreadful, whose teeth *were of* iron, and his nails *of* brass; *which* devoured, brake in pieces, and stamped the residue with his feet; ²⁰ and of the ten horns that *were* in his head, and *of* the other which came up, and before whom three fell; even *of* that horn that had eyes, and a mouth that spake very great things, whose look *was* more stout than his fellows. ²¹ I beheld, and the same horn made war with the saints, and prevailed against them; ²² until the Ancient of days came, and judgment was given to the saints of the most High; and the time came that the saints possessed the kingdom.

²³ Thus he said, The fourth beast shall be the fourth kingdom upon earth, which shall be diverse from all kingdoms, and shall devour the whole earth, and shall tread it down, and break it in pieces. ²⁴ And the ten horns out of this kingdom *are* ten kings *that* shall arise: and another shall rise after them; and he shall

be diverse from the first, and he shall subdue three kings. ²⁵And he shall speak *great* words against the most High, and shall wear out the saints of the most High, and think to change times and laws: and they shall be given into his hand until a time and times and the dividing of time. ²⁶But the judgment shall sit, and they shall take away his dominion, to consume and to destroy *it* unto the end. ²⁷And the kingdom and dominion, and the greatness of the kingdom under the whole heaven, shall be given to the people of the saints of the most High, whose kingdom *is* an everlasting kingdom, and all ^{*}dominions shall Or, *rulers*. serve and obey him.

²⁸Hitherto *is* the end of the matter. As for me Daniel, my cogitations much troubled me, and my countenance changed in me: but I kept the matter in my heart.

VIII. In the third year of the reign of king Belshazzar a vision appeared unto me, *even unto* me Daniel, after that which appeared unto me at the first.

²And I saw in a vision; and it came to pass, when I saw, that I *was* at Shushan *in* the palace, which *is* in the province of Elam; and I saw in a vision, and I was by the river of Ulai. ³Then I lifted up mine eyes, and saw, and, behold, there stood before the river a ram which had *two* horns: and the *two* horns *were* high; but one *was* higher than ^{*}the other, ^{Heb. the second.} and the higher came up last. ⁴I saw the ram pushing westward, and northward, and southward; so that no beasts might stand before him, neither *was there any* that could deliver out of his hand; but he did according to his will, and became great.

⁵And as I was considering, behold, an he goat came from the west on the face of the whole earth, and

* touched not the ground: and the goat *had* Or, none touched him in the earth.
 * a notable horn between his eyes. ⁶ And he Heb. a horn of sight.
 came to the ram that had *two* horns, which I had seen standing before the river, and ran unto him in the fury of his power. ⁷ And I saw him come close unto the ram, and he was moved with choler against him, and smote the ram, and brake his two horns: and there was no power in the ram to stand before him, but he cast him down to the ground, and stamped upon him: and there was none that could deliver the ram out of his hand. ⁸ Therefore the he goat waxed very great: and when he was strong, the great horn was broken; and for it came up four notable ones toward the four winds of heaven. ⁹ And out of one of them came forth a little horn, which waxed exceeding great, toward the south, and toward the east, and toward the pleasant *land*. ¹⁰ And it waxed great, *even*
 * to the host of heaven; and it cast down *some* Or, against the host.
 of the host and of the stars to the ground, and stamped upon them. ¹¹ Yea, he magnified *himself* even
 * to the prince of the host, and * by him the Or, against. Or, from him.
 daily *sacrifice* was taken away, and the place of his sanctuary was cast down. ¹² And * an Or, the host was given over for the transgression against the daily sacrifice.
 host was given *him* against the daily *sacrifice* by reason of transgression, and it cast down the truth to the ground; and it practised, and prospered.

¹³ Then I heard one saint speaking, and another saint said unto * that certain *saint* which Or, the numberer of secrets, or, the wonderful numberer. Heb. Palmoni.
 spake, How long *shall be* the vision *con-*
cerning the daily *sacrifice*, and the transgression * of
 desolation, to give both the sanctuary and the Or, making desolate.
 host to be trodden under foot? ¹⁴ And he said unto me,
 Unto two thousand and three hundred * days; Heb. evening, morning.
 then shall the sanctuary be * cleansed. Heb. justified.

¹⁵ And it came to pass, when I, *even* I Daniel, had seen the vision, and sought for the meaning, then, behold, there stood before me as the appearance of a man. ¹⁶ And I heard a man's voice between *the banks of* Ulai, which called, and said, Gabriel, make this *man* to understand the vision. ¹⁷ So he came near where I stood: and when he came, I was afraid, and fell upon my face: but he said unto me, Understand, O son of man: for at the time of the end *shall be* the vision. ¹⁸ Now as he was speaking with me, I was in a deep sleep on my face toward the ground: but he touched me, and *set me ^{Heb. made me stand upon my standing.} upright. ¹⁹ And he said, Behold, I will make thee know what shall be in the last end of the indignation: for at the time appointed the end *shall be*.

²⁰ The ram which thou sawest having *two* horns *are* the kings of Media and Persia. ²¹ And the rough goat *is* the king of Grecia: and the great horn that *is* between his eyes *is* the first king. ²² Now that being broken, whereas four stood up for it, four kingdoms shall stand up out of the nation, but not in his power. ²³ And in the latter time of their kingdom, when the transgressors *are come to ^{Heb. are accomplished.} the full, a king of fierce countenance, and understanding dark sentences, shall stand up. ²⁴ And his power shall be mighty, but not by his own power: and he shall destroy wonderfully, and shall prosper, and practise, and shall destroy the mighty and the *holy people. ²⁵ And through his policy also he ^{Heb. people of the holy ones.} shall cause craft to prosper in his hand; and he shall magnify *himself* in his heart, and by *peace shall destroy many: he shall also stand ^{Or, prosperity.} up against the Prince of princes; but he shall be broken without hand. ²⁶ And the vision of the evening and the morning which was told *is* true:

wherefore shut thou up the vision; for it *shall be* for many days.

²⁷ And I Daniel fainted, and was sick *certain* days; afterward I rose up, and did the king's business; and I was astonished at the vision, but none understood *it*.

IX. IN the first year of Darius the son of Ahasuerus, of the seed of the Medes, *which was ^{Or, in which he, &c.} made king over the realm of the Chaldeans; ²in the first year of his reign I Daniel understood by books the number of the years, whereof the word of the LORD came to Jeremiah the prophet, that he would accomplish seventy years in the desolations of Jerusalem. ³And I set my face unto the Lord God, to seek by prayer and supplications, with fasting, and sackcloth and ashes: ⁴and I prayed unto the LORD my God, and made my confession, and said,

O Lord, the great and dreadful God, keeping the covenant and mercy to them that love him, and to them that keep his commandments; ⁵we have sinned, and have committed iniquity, and have done wickedly, and have rebelled, even by departing from thy precepts and from thy judgments: ⁶neither have we hearkened unto thy servants the prophets, which spake in thy name to our kings, our princes, and our fathers, and to all the people of the land. ⁷O Lord, righteousness **belongeth* unto thee, but unto us confusion ^{Or, thou hast, &c.} of faces, as at this day; to the men of Judah, and to the inhabitants of Jerusalem, and unto all Israel, *that are near, and that are far off*, through all the countries whither thou hast driven them, because of their trespass that they have trespassed against thee. ⁸O Lord, to us *belongeth* confusion of face, to our kings, to our princes, and to our fathers, because we have sinned against thee.

⁹ To the Lord our God *belong* mercies and forgivenesses, though we have rebelled against him; ¹⁰ neither have we obeyed the voice of the LORD our God, to walk in his laws, which he set before us by his servants the prophets. ¹¹ Yea, all Israel have transgressed thy law, even by departing, that they might not obey thy voice; therefore the curse is poured upon us, and the oath that *is* written in the law of Moses the servant of God, because we have sinned against him. ¹² And he hath confirmed his words, which he spake against us, and against our judges that judged us, by bringing upon us a great evil: for under the whole heaven hath not been done as hath been done upon Jerusalem. ¹³ As *it is* written in the law of Moses, all this evil is come upon us: yet *made we not our prayer before the ^{Heb. intreated we not the face of the, &c.} LORD our God, that we might turn from our iniquities, and understand thy truth. ¹⁴ Therefore hath the LORD watched upon the evil, and brought it upon us: for the LORD our God *is* righteous in all his works which he doeth: for we obeyed not his voice. ¹⁵ And now, O Lord our God, that hast brought thy people forth out of the land of Egypt with a mighty hand, and hast *gotten thee renown, as at this day; ^{Heb. made thee a name.} we have sinned, we have done wickedly. ¹⁶ O Lord, according to all thy righteousness, I beseech thee, let thine anger and thy fury be turned away from thy city Jerusalem, thy holy mountain: because for our sins, and for the iniquities of our fathers, Jerusalem and thy people *are become* a reproach to all *that are* about us. ¹⁷ Now therefore, O our God, hear the prayer of thy servant, and his supplications, and cause thy face to shine upon thy sanctuary that is desolate, for the Lord's sake. ¹⁸ O my God, incline thine ear, and hear; open thine eyes, and behold our desolations,

and the city *which is called by thy name: Heb. whereupon thy name is called.
 for we do not *present our supplications Heb. cause to fall.
 before thee for our righteousnesses, but for thy great
 mercies. ¹⁹O Lord, hear; O Lord, forgive; O Lord,
 hearken and do; defer not, for thine own sake, O my
 God: for thy city and thy people are called by thy
 name.

²⁰And whiles I was speaking, and praying, and confessing my sin, and the sin of my people Israel, and presenting my supplication before the LORD my God for the holy mountain of my God; ²¹yea, whiles I *was* speaking in prayer, even the man Gabriel, whom I had seen in the vision at the beginning, being caused to fly *swiftly, touched me about Heb. with weariness, or, flight.
 the time of the evening oblation. ²²And he informed *me*, and talked with me, and said, O Daniel, I am now come forth *to give thee skill and Heb. to make thee skillful of understanding.
 understanding. ²³At the beginning of thy supplications the *commandment came forth, and I Heb. word.
 am come to shew *thee*; for thou *art* *greatly Heb. a man of desires.
 beloved: therefore understand the matter, and consider the vision. ²⁴Seventy weeks are determined upon thy people and upon thy holy city, *to Or, to restrain.
 finish the transgression, and *to make an Or, to seal up.
 end of sins, and to make reconciliation for iniquity, and to bring in everlasting righteousness, and to seal up the vision and *prophecy, and to Heb. prophet.
 anoint the most Holy. ²⁵Know therefore and understand, *that* from the going forth of the commandment *to restore and to build Je- Or, to build again Jerusalem.
 rusalem unto the Messiah the Prince *shall be* seven weeks, and threescore and two weeks: the street
 *shall be built again, and the *wall, Heb. shall return and be builded.
 even *in troublous times. ²⁶And after Or, breach, or, ditch.
 threescore and two weeks shall Messiah be cut off, Heb. in strait of times.

*but not for himself: *and the people of the prince that shall come shall destroy the city and the sanctuary; and the end thereof *shall be* with a flood, and unto the end of the war *desolations are determined. Or, and shall have nothing. Or, and [the Jews] they shall be no more his people, or, and the prince's [Messiah's] future people. Or, it shall be cut off by desolations.

²⁷ And he shall confirm *the covenant with many Or, a. for one week: and in the midst of the week he shall cause the sacrifice and the oblation to cease, *and for the overspreading of abominations Or, and upon the battlements shall be the idols of the desolator. he shall make *it* desolate, even until the consummation, and that determined shall be poured *upon the desolate. Or, upon the desolator.

X. IN the third year of Cyrus king of Persia a thing was revealed unto Daniel, whose name was called Belteshazzar; and the thing *was* true, but the time appointed *was* *long: and he understood Heb. great. the thing, and had understanding of the vision.

² In those days I Daniel was mourning three *full weeks. ³ I ate no *pleasant bread, neither Heb. weeks of days. Heb. bread of desires. came flesh nor wine into my mouth, neither did I anoint myself at all, till three whole weeks were fulfilled.

⁴ And in the four and twentieth day of the first month, as I was by the side of the great river, which *is* Hiddekel; ⁵ then I lifted up mine eyes, and looked, and behold *a certain man clothed in linen, Heb. one man. whose loins *were* girded with fine gold of Uphaz: ⁶ his body also *was* like the beryl, and his face as the appearance of lightning, and his eyes as lamps of fire, and his arms and his feet like in colour to polished brass, and the voice of his words like the voice of a multitude.

⁷ And I Daniel alone saw the vision: for the men that were with me saw not the vision; but a great quaking fell upon them, so that they fled to hide themselves. ⁸ Therefore I was left alone, and saw this

great vision, and there remained no strength in me: for my *comeliness was turned in me into corruption, and I retained no strength. ^{Or, vigour.} ⁹ Yet heard I the voice of his words: and when I heard the voice of his words, then was I in a deep sleep on my face, and my face toward the ground. ¹⁰ And, behold, an hand touched me, which *set me upon my knees ^{Heb. moved.} and upon the palms of my hands. ¹¹ And he said unto me, O Daniel, *a man greatly beloved, understand the words that I speak unto thee, and *stand upright: for unto thee am I now sent. And ^{Heb. a man of desires.} ^{Heb. stand upon thy standing.} when he had spoken this word unto me, I stood trembling. ¹² Then said he unto me, Fear not, Daniel: for from the first day that thou didst set thine heart to understand, and to chasten thyself before thy God, thy words were heard, and I am come for thy words. ¹³ But the prince of the kingdom of Persia withstood me one and twenty days: but, lo, Michael, *one ^{Or, the first.} of the chief princes, came to help me; and I remained there with the kings of Persia. ¹⁴ Now I am come to make thee understand what shall befall thy people in the latter days: for yet the vision *is* for *many* days.

¹⁵ And when he had spoken such words unto me, I set my face toward the ground, and I became dumb. ¹⁶ And, behold, *one* like the similitude of the sons of men touched my lips: then I opened my mouth, and spake, and said unto him that stood before me, O my lord, by the vision my sorrows are turned upon me, and I have retained no strength. ¹⁷ For how can *the servant of this my lord talk with this ^{Or, this servant of my lord.} my lord? for as for me, straightway there remained no strength in me, neither is there breath left in me.

¹⁸ Then there came again and touched me *one* like the appearance of a man, and he strengthened me, ¹⁹ and said, O man greatly beloved, fear not: peace

be unto thee, be strong, yea, be strong. And when he had spoken unto me, I was strengthened, and said, Let my lord speak; for thou hast strengthened me.

²⁰ Then said he, Knowest thou wherefore I come unto thee? and now will I return to fight with the prince of Persia: and when I am gone forth, lo, the prince of Grecia shall come. ²¹ But I will shew thee that which is noted in the scripture of truth: and *there is* none that *holdeth with me in ^{Heb. strengtheneth himself.} these things, but Michael your prince. XI. Also I in the first year of Darius the Mede, *even* I, stood to confirm and to strengthen him.

² And now will I shew thee the truth. Behold, there shall stand up yet three kings in Persia; and the fourth shall be far richer than *they* all: and by his strength through his riches he shall stir up all against the realm of Grecia.

³ And a mighty king shall stand up, that shall rule with great dominion, and do according to his will. ⁴ And when he shall stand up, his kingdom shall be broken, and shall be divided toward the four winds of heaven; and not to his posterity, nor according to his dominion which he ruled: for his kingdom shall be plucked up, even for others beside those.

⁵ And the king of the south shall be strong, and *one* of his princes; and he shall be strong above him, and have dominion; his dominion *shall be* a great dominion.

⁶ And in the end of years they *shall join ^{Heb. shall associate themselves.} themselves together; for the king's daughter of the south shall come to the king of the north to make *an agreement: but she shall not retain the ^{Heb. rights.} power of the arm; neither shall he stand, nor his arm: but she shall be given up, and they that brought her, and *he that begat her, and he that ^{Or, whom she brought forth.} strengthened her in *these* times.

⁷ But out of a branch of her roots shall *one* stand up *in his estate, which shall come with an ^{Or, in his place, or, office.} army, and shall enter into the fortress of the king of the north, and shall deal against them, and shall prevail: ⁸ and shall also carry captives into Egypt their gods, with their princes, *and* with *their pre- ^{Heb. vessels of their desire.} cious vessels of silver and of gold; and he shall continue *more* years than the king of the north. ⁹ So the king of the south shall come into *his* kingdom, and shall return into his own land.

¹⁰ But his sons *shall be stirred up, and shall ^{Or, shall war.} assemble a multitude of great forces: and *one* shall certainly come, and overflow, and pass through: *then shall he return, and be stirred up, *even* to ^{Or, then shall he be stirred up again.} his fortress. ¹¹ And the king of the south shall be moved with choler, and shall come forth and fight with him, *even* with the king of the north: and he shall set forth a great multitude; but the multitude shall be given into his hand. ¹² *And* when he hath taken away the multitude, his heart shall be lifted up; and he shall cast down *many* ten thousands: but he shall not be strengthened *by it*. ¹³ For the king of the north shall return, and shall set forth a multitude greater than the former, and shall certainly come *after certain years with a great army and ^{Heb. at the end of times, even years.} with much riches.

¹⁴ And in those times there shall many stand up against the king of the south: also *the ^{Heb. the children of robbers.} robbers of thy people shall exalt themselves to establish the vision; but they shall fall. ¹⁵ So the king of the north shall come, and cast up a mount, and take *the most fenced cities: and the arms ^{Heb. the city of munitions.} of the south shall not withstand, neither *his ^{Heb. the people of his choices.} chosen people, neither *shall there be any* strength to withstand. ¹⁶ But he that cometh against him shall do

according to his own will, and none shall stand before him: and he shall stand in the *glorious Or, goodly land. Heb. the land of ornament. land, which by his hand shall be consumed. ¹⁷ He shall also set his face to enter with the strength of his whole kingdom, and *upright ones Or, much uprightness: or, equal conditions. with him; thus shall he do: and he shall give him the daughter of women, *corrupting her: Heb. to corrupt. but she shall not stand *on his side*, neither be for him. ¹⁸ After this shall he turn his face unto the isles, and shall take many: but a prince *for his own Heb. for him. behalf shall cause *the reproach offered by Heb. his reproach. him to cease; without his own reproach he shall cause *it* to turn upon him. ¹⁹ Then he shall turn his face toward the fort of his own land: but he shall stumble and fall, and not be found.

²⁰ Then shall stand up *in his estate Or, in his place. *a raiser of taxes *in* the glory of the kingdom: but within few days he shall be destroyed, neither in *anger, nor in battle. Heb. one that causeth an exactor to pass over. Heb. angers.

²¹ And *in his estate shall stand up a vile person, Or, in his place. to whom they shall not give the honour of the kingdom: but he shall come in peaceably, and obtain the kingdom by flatteries. ²² And with the arms of a flood shall they be overflown from before him, and shall be broken; yea, also the prince of the covenant. ²³ And after the league *made* with him he shall work deceitfully: for he shall come up, and shall become strong with a small people. ²⁴ He shall enter *peaceably even upon the fattest places of the Or, into the peaceable and fat, &c. province; and he shall do *that* which his fathers have not done, nor his fathers' fathers; he shall scatter among them the prey, and spoil, and riches: *yea*, and he shall *forecast his devices against the Heb. think his thoughts. strong holds, even for a time. ²⁵ And he shall stir up his power and his courage against the king of the

south with a great army; and the king of the south shall be stirred up to battle with a very great and mighty army; but he shall not stand: for they shall forecast devices against him. ²⁶ Yea, they that feed of the portion of his meat shall destroy him, and his army shall overflow: and many shall fall down slain. ²⁷ And both these kings' *hearts *shall be* to do ^{Heb. *their hearts.*} mischief, and they shall speak lies at one table; but it shall not prosper: for yet the end *shall be* at the time appointed. ²⁸ Then shall he return into his land with great riches; and his heart *shall be* against the holy covenant; and he shall do *exploits*, and return to his own land.

²⁹ At the time appointed he shall return, and come toward the south; but it shall not be as the former, or as the latter. ³⁰ For the ships of Chittim shall come against him: therefore he shall be grieved, and return, and have indignation against the holy covenant: so shall he do; he shall even return, and have intelligence with them that forsake the holy covenant. ³¹ And arms shall stand on his part, and they shall pollute the sanctuary of strength, and shall take away the daily *sacrifice*, and they shall place the abomination that *maketh desolate. ³² And such as ^{Or, *astonisheth.*} do wickedly against the covenant shall he *cor- ^{Or, *cause to dissemble.*} rupt by flatteries: but the people that do know their God shall be strong, and do *exploits*. ³³ And they that understand among the people shall instruct many: yet they shall fall by the sword, and by flame, by captivity, and by spoil, *many* days. ³⁴ Now when they shall fall, they shall be holpen with a little help: but many shall cleave to them with flatteries. ³⁵ And *some* of them of understanding shall fall, to try *them, ^{Or, *by them.*} and to purge, and to make *them* white, *even* to the time of the end: because *it is* yet for a time appointed.

³⁶ And the king shall do according to his will; and he shall exalt himself, and magnify himself above every god, and shall speak marvellous things against the God of gods, and shall prosper till the indignation be accomplished: for that that is determined shall be done. ³⁷ Neither shall he regard the God of his fathers, nor the desire of women, nor regard any god: for he shall magnify himself above all. ³⁸ *But Or, But in his stead. ³⁹ *in his estate shall he honour the God Heb. as for the almighty God, in his seat he shall honour, yea, he shall honour a god whom, &c. of *forces: and a god whom his fathers knew not shall he honour with gold, Or, munitions. Heb. Mauzim, or, gods protectors. and silver, and with precious stones, and *plea- Heb. things desired. sant things. ³⁹ Thus shall he do in the *most Heb. fortresses of munitions. strong holds with a strange god, whom he shall acknowledge *and* increase with glory: and he shall cause them to rule over many, and shall divide the land for *gain. Heb. a price.

⁴⁰ And at the time of the end shall the king of the south push at him: and the king of the north shall come against him like a whirlwind, with chariots, and with horsemen, and with many ships; and he shall enter into the countries, and shall overflow and pass over. ⁴¹ He shall enter also into the *glorious land, and many *countries* shall be over- Or, goodly land. Heb. land of delight, or, ornament. thrown: but these shall escape out of his hand, *even* Edom, and Moab, and the chief of the children of Ammon. ⁴² He shall *stretch forth his hand also Heb. send forth. upon the countries: and the land of Egypt shall not escape. ⁴³ But he shall have power over the treasures of gold and of silver, and over all the precious things of Egypt: and the Libyans and the Ethiopians *shall be* at his steps. ⁴⁴ But tidings out of the east and out of the north shall trouble him: therefore he shall go forth with great fury to destroy, and utterly to make away many. ⁴⁵ And he shall plant the tabernacles of

his palaces between the seas in the *glorious holy mountain; yet he shall come to his ^{Or, *goodly.* Heb. *mountain of delight of holiness.*} end, and none shall help him.

XII. And at that time shall Michael stand up, the great prince which standeth for the children of thy people: and there shall be a time of trouble, such as never was since there was a nation *even* to that same time: and at that time thy people shall be delivered, every one that shall be found written in the book.

² And many of them that sleep in the dust of the earth shall awake, some to everlasting life, and some to shame *and* everlasting contempt. ³ And they that be *wise shall shine as the brightness of the ^{Or, *teachers.*} firmament; and they that turn many to righteousness as the stars for ever and ever.

⁴ But thou, O Daniel, shut up the words, and seal the book, *even* to the time of the end: many shall run to and fro, and knowledge shall be increased.

⁵ Then I Daniel looked, and, behold, there stood other two, the one on this side of the *bank of ^{Heb. *lip.*} the river, and the other on that side of the bank of the river. ⁶ And *one* said to the man clothed in linen, which *was* *upon the waters of the river, How ^{Or, *from above.*} long *shall it be* to the end of these wonders? ⁷ And I heard the man clothed in linen, which *was* upon the waters of the river, when he held up his right hand and his left hand unto heaven, and sware by him that liveth for ever that *it shall be* for a time, times, and *an half; and when he shall have accomplished ^{Or, *a part.*} to scatter the power of the holy people, all these *things* shall be finished.

⁸ And I heard, but I understood not: then said I, O my Lord, what *shall be* the end of these *things*? ⁹ And he said, Go thy way, Daniel: for the words *are* closed up and sealed till the time of the end. ¹⁰ Many shall

be purified, and made white, and tried; but the wicked shall do wickedly: and none of the wicked shall understand; but the wise shall understand. ¹¹ And from the time *that* the daily *sacrifice* shall be taken away, and *the abomination that *maketh desolate ^{Heb. to set up the abomination, &c.} set up, *there shall be* a thousand two hundred ^{Or, astonisheth.} and ninety days. ¹² Blessed *is* he that waiteth, and cometh to the thousand three hundred and five and thirty days. ¹³ But go thou thy way till the end *be*: *for thou shalt rest, and stand in thy lot at ^{Or, and thou, &c.} the end of the days.

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THE chronological order of the twelve books (which on account of their brevity, as compared with the four greater prophecies of Isaiah, Jeremiah, Ezekiel, and Daniel, are called the minor prophets), is as follows:

J O N A H,

Who prophesied between the years 856 and 784 B.C.; about the time of Jeroboam II., king of Israel.

J O E L,

Who prophesied probably about the years 810 to 760 B.C. or later, in the reign of Uzziah.

A M O S,

Who also prophesied during the times of Uzziah of Judah, and Jeroboam II. of Israel, 810 to 785 B.C.

H O S E A.

His prophecies belong to the same period nearly, extending over the times of Jeroboam II. of Israel, and Uzziah, Jotham, Ahaz, to the third year of Hezekiah king of Judah, 810 to 725 B.C.

M I C A H,

Who prophesied about 758—699 B.C., during the reigns of Jotham, Ahaz, and Hezekiah.

N A H U M.

His prophecy is supposed to have been delivered between the years 720 to 689 B.C.

ZEPHANIAH

Prophesied during the reign of Josiah, about 640 to 609 B.C.

HABAKKUK

Uttered his prophecies probably during the reigns of Manasseh and Amon; though some have placed them in the reign of Josiah. His period was about 612 to 598 B.C.

OBADIAH

Prophesied about 588 to 583 B.C.

HAGGAI

Was one of the prophets of the restoration. His times are supposed to fall about the year 520 B.C.

ZECHARIAH

Was also a prophet of the Jews, when restored to the land, about the year 520, or later.

MALACHI,

The last of the Old Testament prophets, prophesied about 434 to 420 B.C.

At the end of the Minor Prophets will be found a summary of the contents of each, which will enable the reader to compare the prophecies of the various books conveniently together.

H O S E A.

I. THE word of the LORD that came unto Hosea, the son of Beerī, in the days of Uzziah, Jotham, Ahaz, and Hezekiah, kings of Judah, and in the days of Jeroboam the son of Joash, king of Israel.

² The beginning of the word of the LORD by Hosea. And the LORD said to Hosea, Go, take unto thee a wife of whoredoms and children of whoredoms: for the land hath committed great whoredom, *departing* from the LORD.

³ So he went and took Gomer the daughter of Diblaim; which conceived, and bare him a son. ⁴ And the LORD said unto him, Call his name Jezreel; for yet a little *while*, and I will *avenge the blood of Heb. visit. Jezreel upon the house of Jehu, and will cause to cease the kingdom of the house of Israel. ⁵ And it shall come to pass at that day, that I will break the bow of Israel in the valley of Jezreel.

⁶ And she conceived again, and bare a daughter. And *God* said unto him, Call her name *Lo-That is, Not having obtained mercy. ruhamah: for *I will no more have mercy Heb. I will not add any more to. upon the house of Israel; *but I will Or, that I should altogether pardon them. utterly take them away. ⁷ But I will have mercy upon the house of Judah, and will save them by the LORD

their God, and will not save them by bow, nor by sword, nor by battle, by horses, nor by horsemen.

⁸ Now when she had weaned Lo-ruhamah, she conceived, and bare a son. ⁹ Then said *God*, Call his name *Lo-ammi: for ye *are* not my people, and I ^{That is, *Not my people.*} will not be your *God*.

¹⁰ Yet the number of the children of Israel shall be as the sand of the sea, which cannot be measured nor numbered; and it shall come to pass, *that* *in ^{Or, *instead of that.*} the place where it was said unto them, Ye *are* not my people, *there* it shall be said unto them, Ye *are* the sons of the living God. ¹¹ Then shall the children of Judah and the children of Israel be gathered together, and appoint themselves one head, and they shall come up out of the land: for great *shall be* the day of Jezreel.

II. SAY ye unto your brethren, *Ammi; and ^{That is, *My people.*} to your sisters, *Ruhamah. ² Plead with ^{That is, *Having obtained mercy.*} your mother, plead: for she *is* not my wife, neither *am* I her husband: let her therefore put away her whoredoms out of her sight, and her adulteries from between her breasts; ³ lest I strip her naked, and set her as in the day that she was born, and make her as a wilderness, and set her like a dry land, and slay her with thirst. ⁴ And I will not have mercy upon her children; for they *be* the children of whoredoms. ⁵ For their mother hath played the harlot: she that conceived them hath done shamefully: for she said, I will go after my lovers, that gave *me* my bread and my water, my wool and my flax, mine oil and my *drink. ^{Heb. *drinks.*}

⁶ Therefore, behold, I will hedge up thy way with thorns, and *make a wall, that she shall not ^{Heb. *wall a wall.*} find her paths. ⁷ And she shall follow after her lovers, but she shall not overtake them; and she

shall seek them, but shall not find *them*: then shall she say, I will go and return to my first husband; for then *was it* better with me than now.

⁸ For she did not know that I gave her corn, and *wine, and oil, and multiplied her silver ^{Heb. new wine.} and gold, **which* they prepared for ^{Or, wherewith they made Baal.} Baal. ⁹ Therefore will I return, and take away my corn in the time thereof, and my wine in the season thereof, and will *recover my wool ^{Or, take away.} and my flax *given* to cover her nakedness. ¹⁰ And now will I discover her *lewdness in the ^{Heb. folly, or, villany.} sight of her lovers, and none shall deliver her out of mine hand. ¹¹ I will also cause all her mirth to cease, her feast days, her new moons, and her sabbaths, and all her solemn feasts. ¹² And I will *destroy her vines and her fig trees, ^{Heb. make desolate.} whereof she hath said, These *are* my rewards that my lovers have given me: and I will make them a forest, and the beasts of the field shall eat them. ¹³ And I will visit upon her the days of Baalim, wherein she burned incense to them, and she decked herself with her earrings and her jewels, and she went after her lovers, and forgot me, saith the LORD.

¹⁴ Therefore, behold, I will allure her, and bring her into the wilderness, and speak *com- ^{Or, friendly. Heb. to her heart.} fortably unto her. ¹⁵ And I will give her her vineyards from thence, and the valley of Achor for a door of hope: and she shall sing there, as in the days of her youth, and as in the day when she came up out of the land of Egypt.

¹⁶ And it shall be at that day, saith the LORD, *that* thou shalt call me *Ishi; and shalt call me ^{That is, My husband.} no more *Baali. ¹⁷ For I will take away the ^{That is, My lord.} names of Baalim out of her mouth, and they shall

no more be remembered by their name. ¹⁸And in that day will I make a covenant for them with the beasts of the field, and with the fowls of heaven, and *with* the creeping things of the ground: and I will break the bow and the sword and the battle out of the earth, and will make them to lie down safely. ¹⁹And I will betroth thee unto me for ever; yea, I will betroth thee unto me in righteousness, and in judgment, and in lovingkindness, and in mercies. ²⁰I will even betroth thee unto me in faithfulness: and thou shalt know the LORD.

²¹And it shall come to pass in that day, I will hear, saith the LORD; I will hear the heavens, and they shall hear the earth; ²²and the earth shall hear the corn, and the wine, and the oil; and they shall hear Jezreel. ²³And I will sow her unto me in the earth; and I will have mercy upon her that had not obtained mercy; and I will say to *them which were* not my people, *Thou art* my people; and they shall say, *Thou art* my God.

III. Then said the LORD unto me, Go yet, love a woman beloved of *her* friend, yet an adulteress, according to the love of the LORD toward the children of Israel, who look to other gods, and love flagons *of wine. ²So I bought her to me for fifteen ^{Heb. of grapes.} *pieces* of silver, and *for* an homer of barley, and an *half homer of barley: ³and I said unto her, ^{Heb. lethech.} Thou shalt abide for me many days; thou shalt not play the harlot, and thou shalt not be for *another* man: so *will* I also *be* for thee.

⁴For the children of Israel shall abide many days without a king, and without a prince, and without a sacrifice, and without *an image, and ^{Heb. a standing, or, statue, or, pillar.} without an ephod, and *without* teraphim. ⁵Afterward

shall the children of Israel return, and seek the LORD their God, and David their king; and shall fear the LORD and his goodness in the latter days.

IV. HEAR the word of the LORD, ye children of Israel: for the LORD hath a controversy with the inhabitants of the land, because *there is* no truth, nor mercy, nor knowledge of God in the land.
² By swearing, and lying, and killing, and stealing, and committing adultery, they break out, and *blood toucheth blood. ³ Therefore shall Heb. bloods. the land mourn, and every one that dwelleth therein shall languish, with the beasts of the field, and with the fowls of heaven; yea, the fishes of the sea also shall be taken away.

⁴ Yet let no man strive, nor reprove another: for thy people *are* as they that strive with the priest.
⁵ Therefore shalt thou fall in the day, and the prophet also shall fall with thee in the night, and I will *destroy thy mother. Heb. cut off.

⁶ My people are *destroyed for lack of know- Heb. cut off. ledge: because thou hast rejected knowledge, I will also reject thee, that thou shalt be no priest to me: seeing thou hast forgotten the law of thy God, I will also forget thy children. ⁷ As they were increased, so they sinned against me: *therefore* will I change their glory into shame. ⁸ They eat up the sin of my people, and they *set their heart on their iniquity. ⁹ And there Heb. lift up their soul to their iniquity. shall be, like people, like priest: and I will *punish them for their ways, and *re- Heb. visit upon. Heb. cause to return. ward them their doings. ¹⁰ For they shall eat, and not have enough: they shall commit whoredom, and shall not increase: because they have left off to take heed to the LORD.

¹¹ Whoredom and wine and new wine take away the

heart. ¹² My people ask counsel at their stocks, and their staff declareth unto them: for the spirit of whoredoms hath caused *them* to err, and they have gone a whoring from under their God. ¹³ They sacrifice upon the tops of the mountains, and burn incense upon the hills, under oaks and poplars and elms, because the shadow thereof *is* good: therefore your daughters shall commit whoredom, and your spouses shall commit adultery. ¹⁴ * I will not Or, *Shall I not, &c.* punish your daughters when they commit whoredom, nor your spouses when they commit adultery: for themselves are separated with whores, and they sacrifice with harlots: therefore the people *that* doth not understand shall * fall. Or, *be punished.*

¹⁵ Though thou, Israel, play the harlot, *yet* let not Judah offend; and come not ye unto Gilgal, neither go ye up to Beth-aven, nor swear, The LORD liveth. ¹⁶ For Israel slideth back as a backsliding heifer: now the LORD will feed them as a lamb in a large place. ¹⁷ Ephraim *is* joined to idols: let him alone. ¹⁸ Their drink * is sour: Heb. *is gone.* they have committed whoredom continually: her * rulers *with* shame do love, Give ye. Heb. *shields.* ¹⁹ The wind hath bound her up in her wings, and they shall be ashamed because of their sacrifices.

V. Hear ye this, O priests; and hearken, ye house of Israel; and give ye ear, O house of the king; for judgment *is* toward you, because ye have been a snare on Mizpah, and a net spread upon Tabor. ² And the revolvers are profound to make slaughter, * though I *have been* * a rebuker of them Or, *and, &c.*
Heb. *a correction.* all. ³ I know Ephraim, and Israel is not hid from me: for now, O Ephraim, thou committest whoredom, *and* Israel is defiled. ⁴ * They Heb. *They will not give.* will not * frame their doings to turn Or, *Their doings will not suffer them.*

unto their God: for the spirit of whoredoms *is* in the midst of them, and they have not known the LORD.

⁵ And the pride of Israel doth testify to his face: therefore shall Israel and Ephraim fall in their iniquity; Judah also shall fall with them. ⁶ They shall go with their flocks and with their herds to seek the LORD; but they shall not find *him*; he hath withdrawn himself from them. ⁷ They have dealt treacherously against the LORD: for they have begotten strange children: now shall a month devour them with their portions.

⁸ BLOW ye the cornet in Gibeah, *and* the trumpet in Ramah: cry aloud *at* Beth-aven, after thee, O Benjamin. ⁹ Ephraim shall be desolate in the day of rebuke: among the tribes of Israel have I made known that which shall surely be. ¹⁰ The princes of Judah were like them that remove the bound: *therefore* I will pour out my wrath upon them like water.

¹¹ Ephraim *is* oppressed *and* broken in judgment, because he willingly walked after the commandment.

¹² Therefore *will* I *be* unto Ephraim as a moth, and to the house of Judah as *rottenness. Or, a worm.

¹³ When Ephraim saw his sickness, and Judah *saw* his wound, then went Ephraim to the Assyrian, and sent *to king Jareb: yet could he not Or, to the king of Jareb: or, to the king that should plead. heal you, nor cure you of your wound.

¹⁴ For I *will be* unto Ephraim as a lion, and as a young lion to the house of Judah: I, *even* I, will tear and go away; I will take away, and none shall rescue *him*.

¹⁵ I will go *and* return to my place, *till they Heb. till they be guilty. acknowledge their offence, and seek my face: in their affliction they will seek me early.

VI. Come, and let us return unto the LORD: for he hath torn, and he will heal us; he hath smitten, and he will bind us up. ²After two days will he revive us: in the third day he will raise us up, and we shall live in his sight. ³Then shall we know, *if* we follow on to know the LORD: his going forth is prepared as the morning; and he shall come unto us as the rain, as the latter *and* former rain unto the earth.

⁴O EPHRAIM, what shall I do unto thee? O Judah, what shall I do unto thee? for your ^{*good-} ^{Or, mercy,} ^{Or, kindness.} ^{ness} *is* as a morning cloud, and as the early dew it goeth away. ⁵Therefore have I hewed *them* by the prophets; I have slain them by the words of my mouth: ^{*and thy judgments} ^{Or, that thy judgments} ^{might be, &c.} *are* as the light *that* goeth forth.

⁶For I desired mercy, and not sacrifice; and the knowledge of God more than burnt offerings.

⁷But they ^{*like} ^{Or, like Adam.} men have transgressed the covenant: there have they dealt treacherously against me. ⁸Gilead *is* a city of them that work iniquity, *and is* ^{*polluted} ^{Or, cunning} with blood. ^{for blood.}

⁹And as troops of robbers wait for a man, *so* the company of priests murder in the way ^{*by} ^{Heb. with one} ^{shoulder, or, to} ^{Shechem.} consent: for they commit ^{*lewdness}. ¹⁰I ^{Or, enormity.} have seen an horrible thing in the house of Israel: there *is* the whoredom of Ephraim, Israel is defiled.

¹¹Also, O Judah, he hath set an harvest for thee, when I returned the captivity of my people.

VII. When I would have healed Israel, then the iniquity of Ephraim was discovered, and the ^{*wickedness} ^{Heb. evils.} of Samaria: for they commit falsehood; and the thief cometh in, *and* the troop of robbers ^{*spoil} ^{Heb. strippeth.}eth without. ²And they ^{Heb. say not to.} *consider* not in their hearts *that* I re-

member all their wickedness: now their own doings have beset them about, they are before my face.

³ They make the king glad with their wickedness, and the princes with their lies. ⁴ They *are* all adulterers, as an oven heated by the baker, ** who* ceaseth ** from raising* after he hath Or, the ruiser will cease.
Or, from waking. kneaded the dough, until it be leavened. ⁵ In the day of our king, the princes have made *him* sick ** with bottles of wine*; he stretched out Or, with heat
through wine. his hand with scorers. ⁶ For they have ** made* ready their heart like an oven, whiles they Or, applied. lie in wait: their baker sleepeth all the night; in the morning it burneth as a flaming fire. ⁷ They are all hot as an oven, and have devoured their judges; all their kings are fallen: *there is* none among them that calleth unto me.

⁸ Ephraim, he hath mixed himself among the people; Ephraim is a cake not turned. ⁹ Strangers have devoured his strength, and he knoweth *it* not: yea, grey hairs are ** here and there* upon Heb. sprinkled. him, yet he knoweth not. ¹⁰ And the pride of Israel testifieth to his face: and they do not return to the LORD their God, nor seek him for all this. ¹¹ Ephraim also is like a silly dove without heart: they call to Egypt, they go to Assyria. ¹² When they shall go, I will spread my net upon them; I will bring them down as the fowls of the heaven; I will chastise them, as their congregation hath heard.

¹³ Woe unto them! for they have fled from me; ** destruction* unto them! because they have Heb. spoil. transgressed against me: though I have redeemed them, yet they have spoken lies against me. ¹⁴ And they have not cried unto me with their heart, when

they howled upon their beds: they assembled themselves for corn and wine, *and* they rebel against me. ¹⁵ Though I have *bound *and* streng- Or, chastened. thened their arms, yet do they imagine mischief against me. ¹⁶ They return, *but* not to the most High: they are like a deceitful bow: their princes shall fall by the sword for the rage of their tongue: this *shall be* their derision in the land of Egypt.

VIII. *SET* the trumpet to *thy mouth. *He* Heb. the roof of thy mouth. *shall come* as an eagle against the house of the LORD, because they have transgressed my covenant, and trespassed against my law.

² Israel shall cry unto me, My God, we know thee.

³ Israel hath cast off *the thing that is* good: the enemy shall pursue him. ⁴ They have set up kings, but not by me: they have made princes, and I knew *it* not: of their silver and their gold have they made them idols, that they may be cut off.

⁵ Thy calf, O Samaria, hath cast *thee* off; mine anger is kindled against them: how long *will it be* ere they attain to innocency? ⁶ For from Israel *was* it also: the workman made it; therefore it *is* not God: but the calf of Samaria shall be broken in pieces. ⁷ For they have sown the wind, and they shall reap the whirlwind: it hath no *stalk: Or, standing corn. the bud shall yield no meal: if so be it yield, the strangers shall swallow it up. ⁸ Israel is swallowed up: now shall they be among the Gentiles as a vessel wherein *is* no pleasure. ⁹ For they are gone up to Assyria, a wild ass alone by himself: Ephraim hath hired *lovers. ¹⁰ Yea, though they Heb. loves. have hired among the nations, now will I gather them, and they shall *sorrow *a little for Or, begin. Or, in a little while. the burden of the king of princes.

¹¹ Because Ephraim hath made many altars to sin, altars shall be unto him to sin. ¹² I have written to him the great things of my law, *but* they were counted as a strange thing. ¹³ * They Or, In the sacrifices of mine offerings, they, &c. sacrifice flesh *for* the sacrifices of mine offerings, and eat *it*: *but* the LORD accepteth them not; now will he remember their iniquity, and visit their sins: they shall return to Egypt. ¹⁴ For Israel hath forgotten his Maker, and buildeth temples: and Judah hath multiplied fenced cities: but I will send a fire upon his cities, and it shall devour the palaces thereof.

IX. Rejoice not, O Israel, for joy, as *other* people: for thou hast gone a whoring from thy God, thou hast loved a reward * upon every cornfloor. Or, in, &c.

² The floor and the * winepress shall not Or, winefat. feed them, and the new wine shall fail in her.

³ They shall not dwell in the LORD's land; but Ephraim shall return to Egypt, and they shall eat unclean *things* in Assyria. ⁴ They shall not offer wine *offerings* to the LORD, neither shall they be pleasing unto him: their sacrifices *shall be* unto them as the bread of mourners: all that eat thereof shall be polluted: for their bread for their soul shall not come into the house of the LORD.

⁵ What will ye do in the solemn day, and in the day of the feast of the LORD? ⁶ For, lo, they are gone because of * destruction: Egypt shall Heb. spoil. gather them up, Memphis shall bury them: * the pleasant *places* for their silver, nettles Heb. the desire. shall possess them: thorns *shall be* in Or, their silver shall be desired, the nettle, &c. their tabernacles.

⁷ The days of visitation are come, the days of recompence are come; Israel shall know *it*: the prophet Heb. man of the spirit. is a fool, the * spiritual man *is* mad, for

the multitude of thine iniquity, and the great hatred. ⁸ The watchman of Ephraim *was* with my God: *but* the prophet *is* a snare of a fowler in all his ways, *and* hatred ^{*}in the house of his Or, *against*. God. ⁹ They have deeply corrupted *themselves*, as in the days of Gibeah: *therefore* he will remember their iniquity, he will visit their sins.

¹⁰ I found Israel like grapes in the wilderness; I saw your fathers as the firstripe in the fig tree at her first time: *but* they went to Baal-peor, and separated themselves unto *that* shame: and *their* abominations were according as they loved. ¹¹ *As for* Ephraim, their glory shall fly away like a bird, from the birth, and from the womb, and from the conception. ¹² Though they bring up their children, yet will I bereave them, *that there shall not be* a man *left*: yea, woe also to them when I depart from them! ¹³ Ephraim, as I saw Tyrus, *is* planted in a pleasant place: but Ephraim shall bring forth his children to the murderer.

¹⁴ Give them, O LORD: what wilt thou give? give them a ^{*}miscarrying womb and dry breasts. Heb. *that casteth the fruit.*

¹⁵ All their wickedness *is* in Gilgal: for there I hated them: for the wickedness of their doings I will drive them out of mine house, I will love them no more: all their princes *are* revolvers. ¹⁶ Ephraim is smitten, their root is dried up, they shall bear no fruit: yea, though they bring forth, yet will I slay *even* ^{*}the beloved *fruit* of their womb. Heb. *the desires.*

¹⁷ My God will cast them away, because they did not hearken unto him: and they shall be wanderers among the nations.

X. ISRAEL *is* ^{*}an empty vine, he bringeth Or, *a vine emptying the fruit which it giveth.* forth fruit unto himself: according to the multitude of his fruit he hath increased the

altars ; according to the goodness of his land they have made goodly *images. ²* Their Heb. statues, or, standing images. Or, He hath divided their heart. heart is divided ; now shall they be found faulty : he shall *break down their Heb. behead. altars, he shall spoil their images. ³ For now they shall say, We have no king, because we feared not the LORD ; what then should a king do to us ?

⁴ They have spoken words, swearing falsely in making a covenant : thus judgment springeth up as hemlock in the furrows of the field. ⁵ The inhabitants of Samaria shall fear because of the calves of Beth-aven : for the people thereof shall mourn over it, and *the priests thereof *that* rejoiced on it, Or, Chemarim. for the glory thereof, because it is departed from it. ⁶ It shall be also carried unto Assyria *for* a present to king Jareb : Ephraim shall receive shame, and Israel shall be ashamed of his own counsel. ⁷ *As for* Samaria, her king is cut off as the foam upon *the water. ⁸ The high places Heb. the face of water. also of Aven, the sin of Israel, shall be destroyed : the thorn and the thistle shall come up on their altars ; and they shall say to the mountains, Cover us ; and to the hills, Fall on us.

⁹ O Israel, thou hast sinned from the days of Gibeah : there they stood : the battle in Gibeah against the children of iniquity did not overtake them.

¹⁰ *It is* in my desire that I should chastise them ; and the people shall be gathered against them, *when they shall bind themselves in Or, when I shall bind them for their two transgressions, or, in their two habitations. their two furrows. ¹¹ And Ephraim *is* as an heifer *that is* taught, and loveth to tread out the corn ; but I passed over upon *her Heb. the beauty of her neck. fair neck : I will make Ephraim to ride ; Judah shall plow, and Jacob shall break his clods.

¹² Sow to yourselves in righteousness, reap in mercy ; .

break up your fallow ground: for *it is* time to seek the LORD, till he come and rain righteousness upon you. ¹³ Ye have plowed wickedness, ye have reaped iniquity; ye have eaten the fruit of lies: because thou didst trust in thy way, in the multitude of thy mighty men. ¹⁴ Therefore shall a tumult arise among thy people, and all thy fortresses shall be spoiled, as Shalman spoiled Beth-arbel in the day of battle: the mother was dashed in pieces upon *her* children. ¹⁵ So shall Beth-el do unto you because of ^{*}your great wickedness: in a ^{Heb. the evil of your evil.} morning shall the king of Israel utterly be cut off.

XI. WHEN Israel *was* a child, then I loved him, and called my son out of Egypt. ² As they called them, so they went from them: they sacrificed unto Baalim, and burned incense to graven images. ³ I taught Ephraim also to go, taking them by their arms; but they knew not that I healed them. ⁴ I drew them with cords of a man, with bands of love: and I was to them as they that ^{*}take ^{Heb. lift up.} off the yoke on their jaws, and I laid meat unto them.

⁵ He shall not return into the land of Egypt, but the Assyrian shall be his king, because they refused to return. ⁶ And the sword shall abide on his cities, and shall consume his branches, and devour *them*, because of their own counsels. ⁷ And my people are bent to backsliding from me: though they called them to the most High, ^{*}none ^{Heb. together they exalted not.} at all would exalt *him*.

⁸ How shall I give thee up, Ephraim? *how* shall I deliver thee, Israel? how shall I make thee as Admah? *how* shall I set thee as Zeboim? mine heart is turned within me, my repentings are kindled together. ⁹ I will not execute the fierceness of mine

anger, I will not return to destroy Ephraim: for I *am* God, and not man; the Holy One in the midst of thee: and I will not enter into the city.

¹⁰ They shall walk after the LORD: he shall roar like a lion: when he shall roar, then the children shall tremble from the west. ¹¹ They shall tremble as a bird out of Egypt, and as a dove out of the land of Assyria: and I will place them in their houses, saith the LORD.

¹² EPHRAIM compasseth me about with lies, and the house of Israel with deceit: but Judah yet ruleth with God, and is faithful *with the saints. Or, with the most holy.

XII. Ephraim feedeth on wind, and followeth after the east wind: he daily increaseth lies and desolation: and they do make a covenant with the Assyrians, and oil is carried into Egypt.

² The LORD hath also a controversy with Judah, and will *punish Jacob according to his ways; Heb. visit upon. according to his doings will he recompense him.

³ He took his brother by the heel in the womb, and by his strength he *had power with Heb. was a prince, or, behaved himself princely. God: ⁴ yea, he had power over the angel, and prevailed: he wept, and made supplication unto him: he found him *in* Beth-el, and there he spake with us; ⁵ even the LORD God of hosts; the LORD *is* his memorial. ⁶ Therefore turn thou to thy God: keep mercy and judgment, and wait on thy God continually.

⁷ *He is* *a merchant, the balances of deceit *are* Or, Canaan. in his hand: he loveth to *oppress. ⁸ And Or, deceive.

Ephraim said, Yet I am become rich, I have found me out substance: **in* all my labours Or, all my labours suffice me not: he shall have punishment of iniquity in whom is sin. they shall find none iniquity in me

*that *were* sin. ⁹ And I *that am* the LORD Heb. which. thy God from the land of Egypt will yet make thee

to dwell in tabernacles, as in the days of the solemn feasts. ¹⁰ I have also spoken by the prophets, and I have multiplied visions, and used similitudes, *by the ministry of the prophets. ¹¹ *Is there* ^{Heb. by the hand.} iniquity in Gilead? surely they are vanity: they sacrifice bullocks in Gilgal; yea, their altars *are* as heaps in the furrows of the fields.

¹² And Jacob fled into the country of Syria, and Israel served for a wife, and for a wife he kept *sheep*.

¹³ And by a prophet the LORD brought Israel out of Egypt, and by a prophet was he preserved.

¹⁴ Ephraim provoked *him* to anger *most ^{Heb. with bitternesses.} bitterly: therefore shall he leave his *blood ^{Heb. bloods.} upon him, and his reproach shall his Lord return unto him.

XIII. WHEN Ephraim spake trembling, he exalted himself in Israel; but when he offended in Baal, he died. ² And now *they sin more and ^{Heb. they add to sin.} more, and have made them molten images of their silver, *and* idols according to their own understanding, all of it the work of the craftsman: they say of them, Let *the men ^{Or, the sacrifices of men.} that sacrifice kiss the calves. ³ Therefore they shall be as the morning cloud, and as the early dew that passeth away, as the chaff *that* is driven with the whirlwind out of the floor, and as the smoke out of the chimney.

⁴ Yet I *am* the LORD thy God from the land of Egypt, and thou shalt know no god but me: for *there is* no saviour beside me. ⁵ I did know thee in the wilderness, in the land of *great ^{Heb. droughts.} drought. ⁶ According to their pasture, so were they filled; they were filled, and their heart was exalted; therefore have they forgotten me.

⁷ Therefore I will be unto them as a lion: as a leopard

by the way will I observe *them*: ⁸ I will meet them as a bear *that is bereaved of her whelps*, and will rend the caul of their heart, and there will I devour them like a lion: ^{*}the wild beast shall ^{Heb. the beast of the field.} tear them.

⁹ O Israel, thou hast destroyed thyself; but in me ^{*}is thine help. ¹⁰ ^{*}I will be thy ^{Heb. in thy help.} king: where *is any other* that may save thee in all thy cities? and thy judges of whom thou saidst, Give me a king and princes? ¹¹ I gave thee a king in mine anger, and took *him* away in my wrath.

¹² The iniquity of Ephraim *is bound up*; his sin *is hid*. ¹³ The sorrows of a travailing woman shall come upon him: he *is* an unwise son; for he should not stay ^{*}long in *the place of the breaking* ^{Heb. a time.} forth of children.

¹⁴ I will ransom them from ^{*}the power of the ^{Heb. the hand.} grave; I will redeem them from death: O death, I will be thy plagues; O grave, I will be thy destruction: repentance shall be hid from mine eyes.

¹⁵ Though he be fruitful among *his* brethren, an east wind shall come, the wind of the LORD shall come up from the wilderness, and his spring shall become dry, and his fountain shall be dried up: he shall spoil the treasure of all ^{*}pleasant vessels. ^{Heb. vessels of desire.}

¹⁶ Samaria shall become desolate; for she hath rebelled against her God: they shall fall by the sword: their infants shall be dashed in pieces, and their women with child shall be ripped up.

XIV. O Israel, return unto the LORD thy God; for thou hast fallen by thine iniquity. ² Take with you words, and turn to the LORD: say unto him, Take away all iniquity, and ^{*}receive *us* ^{Or, give good.} graciously: so will we render the calves of our

lips. ³ Asshur shall not save us; we will not ride upon horses: neither will we say any more to the work of our hands, *Ye are* our gods: for in thee the fatherless findeth mercy.

⁴ I will heal their backsliding, I will love them freely: for mine anger is turned away from him. ⁵ I will be as the dew unto Israel: he shall *grow Or, blossom. as the lily, and *cast forth his roots as Heb. strike. Lebanon. ⁶ His branches *shall spread, Heb. shall go. and his beauty shall be as the olive tree, and his smell as Lebanon. ⁷ They that dwell under his shadow shall return; they shall revive *as* the corn, and *grow as the vine: the *scent there- Or, blossom.
Or, memorial. of *shall be* as the wine of Lebanon. ⁸ Ephraim *shall say*, What have I to do any more with idols? I have heard *him*, and observed him: I *am* like a green fir tree. From me is thy fruit found.

⁹ Who *is* wise, and he shall understand these *things*? prudent, and he shall know them? for the ways of the LORD *are* right, and the just shall walk in them: but the transgressors shall fall therein.

J O E L.

I. THE word of the LORD that came to Joel the son of Pethuel.

² Hear this, ye old men, and give ear, all ye inhabitants of the land. Hath this been in your days, or even in the days of your fathers? ³ Tell ye your children of it, and *let* your children *tell* their children, and their children another generation.

⁴ * That which the palmerworm hath Heb. The residue of the palmerworm. left hath the locust eaten; and that which the locust hath left hath the cankerworm eaten; and that which the cankerworm hath left hath the caterpillar eaten.

⁵ Awake, ye drunkards, and weep; and howl, all ye drinkers of wine, because of the new wine; for it is cut off from your mouth. ⁶ For a nation is come up upon my land, strong, and without number, whose teeth *are* the teeth of a lion, and he hath the cheek teeth of a great lion. ⁷ He hath laid my vine waste, and *barked my Heb. laid my fig tree for a barking. fig tree: he hath made it clean bare, and cast *it* away; the branches thereof are made white.

⁸ Lament like a virgin girded with sackcloth for the husband of her youth. ⁹ The meat offering and the drink offering is cut off from the house of the LORD; the priests, the LORD's ministers, mourn.

¹⁰ The field is wasted, the land mourneth; for the

corn is wasted: the new wine is *dried Or, *ashamed*.
up, the oil languisheth.

¹¹ Be ye ashamed, O ye husbandmen; howl, O ye vine-dressers, for the wheat and for the barley; because the harvest of the field is perished. ¹² The vine is dried up, and the fig tree languisheth; the pomegranate tree, the palm tree also, and the apple tree, *even* all the trees of the field, are withered; because joy is withered away from the sons of men.

¹³ Gird yourselves, and lament, ye priests: howl, ye ministers of the altar: come, lie all night in sackcloth, ye ministers of my God: for the meat offering and the drink offering is withholden from the house of your God. ¹⁴ Sanctify ye a fast, call a *solemn assembly, gather the elders, *and* Or, *day of restraint*. all the inhabitants of the land *into* the house of the LORD your God, and cry unto the LORD.

¹⁵ Alas for the day! for the day of the LORD *is* at hand, and as a destruction from the Almighty shall it come. ¹⁶ Is not the meat cut off before our eyes, *yea*, joy and gladness from the house of our God? ¹⁷ The *seed is rotten under their Heb. *grains*. clods, the garners are laid desolate, the barns are broken down; for the corn is withered. ¹⁸ How do the beasts groan! the herds of cattle are perplexed, because they have no pasture; *yea*, the flocks of sheep are made desolate. ¹⁹ O LORD, to thee will I cry: for the fire hath devoured the *pastures of the wilderness, and the flame Or, *habitations*. hath burned all the trees of the field. ²⁰ The beasts of the field cry also unto thee: for the rivers of waters are dried up, and the fire hath devoured the pastures of the wilderness.

II. BLOW ye the *trumpet in Zion, and sound Or, *cornet*.
an alarm in my holy mountain: let all the inhabit-

ants of the land tremble: for the day of the LORD cometh, for *it is* nigh at hand; ² a day of darkness and of gloominess, a day of clouds and of thick darkness, as the morning spread upon the mountains: a great people and a strong; there hath not been ever the like, neither shall be any more after it, *even* to the years ^{*} of many genera- Heb. of generation and generation. tions. ³ A fire devoureth before them; and behind them a flame burneth: the land *is* as the garden of Eden before them, and behind them a desolate wilderness; yea, and nothing shall escape them.

⁴ The appearance of them *is* as the appearance of horses; and as horsemen, so shall they run. ⁵ Like the noise of chariots on the tops of mountains shall they leap, like the noise of a flame of fire that devoureth the stubble, as a strong people set in battle array. ⁶ Before their face the people shall be much pained: all faces shall gather ^{*} blackness. ⁷ They shall run like mighty men; they Heb. pot. shall climb the wall like men of war; and they shall march every one on his ways, and they shall not break their ranks: ⁸ neither shall one thrust another; they shall walk every one in his path: and *when* they fall upon the ^{*} sword, they Or, dart. shall not be wounded. ⁹ They shall run to and fro in the city; they shall run upon the wall, they shall climb up upon the houses; they shall enter in at the windows like a thief. ¹⁰ The earth shall quake before them; the heavens shall tremble: the sun and the moon shall be dark, and the stars shall withdraw their shining: ¹¹ and the LORD shall utter his voice before his army: for his camp *is* very great; for *he is* strong that executeth his word: for the day of the LORD *is* great and very terrible; and who can abide it?

¹² Therefore also now, saith the LORD, turn ye *even* to me with all your heart, and with fasting, and with weeping, and with mourning: ¹³ and rend your heart, and not your garments, and turn unto the LORD your God: for he *is* gracious and merciful, slow to anger, and of great kindness, and repenteth him of the evil. ¹⁴ Who knoweth *if* he will return and repent, and leave a blessing behind him; *even* a meat offering and a drink offering unto the LORD your God?

¹⁵ Blow the trumpet in Zion, sanctify a fast, call a solemn assembly: ¹⁶ gather the people, sanctify the congregation, assemble the elders, gather the children, and those that suck the breasts: let the bridegroom go forth of his chamber, and the bride out of her closet. ¹⁷ Let the priests, the ministers of the LORD, weep between the porch and the altar, and let them say, Spare thy people, O LORD, and give not thine heritage to reproach, that the heathen should *rule over them: where-
Or, use a byword
against them.
 fore should they say among the people, Where *is* their God?

¹⁸ Then will the LORD be jealous for his land, and pity his people. ¹⁹ Yea, the LORD will answer and say unto his people, Behold, I will send you corn, and wine, and oil, and ye shall be satisfied therewith: and I will no more make you a reproach among the heathen: ²⁰ but I will remove far off from you the northern *army*, and will drive him into a land barren and desolate, with his face toward the east sea, and his hinder part toward the utmost sea, and his stink shall come up, and his ill savour shall come up, because *he hath done
Heb. he hath magnified to do.
 great things.

²¹ Fear not, O land; be glad and rejoice: for the LORD

will do great things. ²² Be not afraid, ye beasts of the field: for the pastures of the wilderness do spring, for the tree beareth her fruit, the fig tree and the vine do yield their strength.

²³ Be glad then, ye children of Zion, and rejoice in the LORD your God: for he hath given you * the former rain * moderately, and he will cause to Or, a teacher of righteousness.
Heb. according to righteousness. come down for you the rain, the former rain, and the latter rain in the first *month*. ²⁴ And the floors shall be full of wheat, and the fats shall overflow with wine and oil. ²⁵ And I will restore to you the years that the locust hath eaten, the cankerworm, and the caterpillar, and the palmerworm, my great army which I sent among you. ²⁶ And ye shall eat in plenty, and be satisfied, and praise the name of the LORD your God, that hath dealt wondrously with you: and my people shall never be ashamed. ²⁷ And ye shall know that I *am* in the midst of Israel, and *that* I *am* the LORD your God, and none else: and my people shall never be ashamed.

²⁸ And it shall come to pass afterward, *that* I will pour out my Spirit upon all flesh; and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, your old men shall dream dreams, your young men shall see visions: ²⁹ and also upon the servants and upon the handmaids in those days will I pour out my Spirit. ³⁰ And I will shew wonders in the heavens and in the earth, blood, and fire, and pillars of smoke. ³¹ The sun shall be turned into darkness, and the moon into blood, before the great and the terrible day of the LORD come.

³² And it shall come to pass, *that* whosoever shall call on the name of the LORD shall be delivered: for in mount Zion and in Jerusalem shall be deliver-

ance, as the LORD hath said, and in the remnant whom the LORD shall call. III. For, behold, in those days, and in that time, when I shall bring again the captivity of Judah and Jerusalem, ² I will also gather all nations, and will bring them down into the valley of Jehoshaphat, and will plead with them there for my people and *for* my heritage Israel, whom they have scattered among the nations, and parted my land. ³ And they have cast lots for my people; and have given a boy for an harlot, and sold a girl for wine, that they might drink.

⁴ Yea, and what have ye to do with me, O Tyre, and Zidon, and all the coasts of Palestine? will ye render me a recompence? and if ye recompense me, swiftly *and* speedily will I return your recompence upon your own head; ⁵ because ye have taken my silver and my gold, and have carried into your temples my goodly ^{*}pleasant Heb. desirable. things: ⁶ the children also of Judah and the children of Jerusalem have ye sold unto ^{*}the Heb. the sons of the Grecians. Grecians, that ye might remove them far from their border. ⁷ Behold, I will raise them out of the place whither ye have sold them, and will return your recompence upon your own head: ⁸ and I will sell your sons and your daughters into the hand of the children of Judah, and they shall sell them to the Sabeans, to a people far off: for the LORD hath spoken *it*.

⁹ Proclaim ye this among the Gentiles; ^{*}Pre- Heb. Sanctify. pare war, wake up the mighty men, let all the men of war draw near; let them come up: ¹⁰ beat your plowshares into swords, and your ^{*}pruning Or, scythes. hooks into spears: let the weak say, I *am* strong. ¹¹ Assemble yourselves, and come, all ye heathen, and gather yourselves together round about: thither

*cause thy mighty ones to come down, Or, the LORD shall bring down.
 O LORD. ¹² Let the heathen be wakened, and come up to the valley of Jehoshaphat: for there will I sit to judge all the heathen round about.

¹³ Put ye in the sickle, for the harvest is ripe: come, get you down; for the press is full, the fats overflow; for their wickedness is great.

¹⁴ Multitudes, multitudes in the valley of *de- Or, concision, or, threshing.
 cision: for the day of the LORD is near in the valley of decision. ¹⁵ The sun and the moon shall be darkened, and the stars shall withdraw their shining.

¹⁶ The LORD also shall roar out of Zion, and utter his voice from Jerusalem; and the heavens and the earth shall shake: but the LORD *will be* the *hope of his people, and the strength of the Heb. place of repair, or, harbour.
 children of Israel. ¹⁷ So shall ye know that I *am* the LORD your God dwelling in Zion, my holy mountain: then shall Jerusalem be *holy, and Heb. holiness.
 there shall no strangers pass through her any more.

¹⁸ And it shall come to pass in that day, *that* the mountains shall drop down new wine, and the hills shall flow with milk, and all the rivers of Judah shall *flow with waters, and a fountain shall come Heb. go.
 forth of the house of the LORD, and shall water the valley of Shittim.

¹⁹ Egypt shall be a desolation, and Edom shall be a desolate wilderness, for the violence *against* the children of Judah, because they have shed innocent blood in their land. ²⁰ But Judah shall *dwell Or, abide.
 for ever, and Jerusalem from generation to generation. ²¹ For I will cleanse their blood *that* I have not cleansed: *for the LORD dwelleth Or, even I the LORD that dwelleth in Zion.
 in Zion.

A M O S.

I. THE words of Amos, who was among the herdmen of Tekoa, which he saw concerning Israel in the days of Uzziah king of Judah, and in the days of Jeroboam the son of Joash king of Israel, two years before the earthquake. ² And he said,

The LORD will roar from Zion, and utter his voice from Jerusalem; and the habitations of the shepherds shall mourn, and the top of Carmel shall wither.

³ Thus saith the LORD; For three transgressions of Damascus, *and for four, I will not Or, yea, for four.
*turn away *the punishment* thereof; be- Or, convert it, or, let it be quiet.
cause they have threshed Gilead with threshing instruments of iron: ⁴ but I will send a fire into the house of Hazael, which shall devour the palaces of Ben-hadad. ⁵ I will break also the bar of Damascus, and cut off the inhabitant from *the plain of Aven, and him that holdeth the sceptre Or, Bikath-aven.
from *the house of Eden: and the people Or, Beth-eden.
of Syria shall go into captivity unto Kir, saith the LORD.

⁶ Thus saith the LORD; For three transgressions of Gaza, and for four, I will not turn away *the punish-*

ment thereof; because they *carried ^{Or, carried them away with an entire captivity.} away captive the whole captivity, to deliver *them* up to Edom: ⁷but I will send a fire on the wall of Gaza, which shall devour the palaces thereof: ⁸and I will cut off the inhabitant from Ashdod, and him that holdeth the sceptre from Ashkelon, and I will turn mine hand against Ekron: and the remnant of the Philistines shall perish, saith the Lord God.

⁹ Thus saith the LORD; For three transgressions of Tyrus, and for four, I will not turn away *the punishment* thereof; because they delivered up the whole captivity to Edom, and remembered not *the brotherly covenant: ¹⁰but I will ^{Heb. the covenant of brethren.} send a fire on the wall of Tyrus, which shall devour the palaces thereof.

¹¹ Thus saith the LORD; For three transgressions of Edom, and for four, I will not turn away *the punishment* thereof: because he did pursue his brother with the sword, and *did cast off all pity, ^{Heb. corrupted his compassions.} and his anger did tear perpetually, and he kept his wrath for ever: ¹²but I will send a fire upon Teman, which shall devour the palaces of Bozrah.

¹³ Thus saith the LORD; For three transgressions of the children of Ammon, and for four, I will not turn away *the punishment* thereof; because they have *ripped up the women with child of Gi- ^{Or, divided the mountains.} lead, that they might enlarge their border: ¹⁴but I will kindle a fire in the wall of Rabbah, and it shall devour the palaces thereof, with shouting in the day of battle, with a tempest in the day of the whirlwind: ¹⁵and their king shall go into captivity, he and his princes together, saith the LORD.

II. Thus saith the LORD; For three transgressions of Moab, and for four, I will not turn away *the pun-*

ishment thereof; because he burned the bones of the king of Edom into lime: ²but I will send a fire upon Moab, and it shall devour the palaces of Kirioth: and Moab shall die with tumult, with shouting, *and* with the sound of the trumpet: ³and I will cut off the judge from the midst thereof, and will slay all the princes thereof with him, saith the LORD.

⁴Thus saith the LORD; For three transgressions of Judah, and for four, I will not turn away *the punishment* thereof; because they have despised the law of the LORD, and have not kept his commandments, and their lies caused them to err, after the which their fathers have walked: ⁵but I will send a fire upon Judah, and it shall devour the palaces of Jerusalem.

⁶Thus saith the LORD; For three transgressions of Israel, and for four, I will not turn away *the punishment* thereof; because they sold the righteous for silver, and the poor for a pair of shoes; ⁷that pant after the dust of the earth on the head of the poor, and turn aside the way of the meek: and a man and his father will go in unto the *same* *maid, to profane my holy name: ⁸and they lay ^{Or, young woman.} *themselves* down upon clothes laid to pledge by every altar, and they drink the wine of *the condemned *in* the house of their god. ^{Or, such as have fined, or, mulcted.}

⁹Yet destroyed I the Amorite before them, whose height *was* like the height of the cedars, and he *was* strong as the oaks; yet I destroyed his fruit from above, and his roots from beneath. ¹⁰Also I brought you up from the land of Egypt, and led you forty years through the wilderness, to possess the land of the Amorite. ¹¹And I raised up of your sons for prophets, and of your young men for Na-

zarites. *Is it* not even thus, O ye children of Israel? saith the LORD. ¹² But ye gave the Nazarites wine to drink; and commanded the prophets, saying, Prophecy not.

¹³ Behold, *I am pressed under you, as a Or, I will press your place, as a cart full of sheaves presseth. cart is pressed *that is* full of sheaves.

¹⁴ Therefore the flight shall perish from the swift, and the strong shall not strengthen his force, neither shall the mighty deliver *himself: Heb. his soul, or, life.

¹⁵ neither shall he stand that handleth the bow; and *he that is* swift of foot shall not deliver *himself*: neither shall he that rideth the horse deliver himself. ¹⁶ And *he that is* *courageous among Heb. strong of his heart. the mighty shall flee away naked in that day, saith the LORD.

III. HEAR this word that the LORD hath spoken against you, O children of Israel, against the whole family which I brought up from the land of Egypt, saying,

² You only have I known of all the families of the earth: therefore I will *punish you for all Heb. visit upon. your iniquities.

³ Can two walk together, except they be agreed? ⁴ Will a lion roar in the forest, when he hath no prey? will a young lion *cry out of his den, if Heb. give forth his voice. he have taken nothing? ⁵ Can a bird fall in a snare upon the earth, where no gin *is* for him? shall *one* take up a snare from the earth, and have taken nothing at all? ⁶ Shall a trumpet be blown in the city, and the people *not be afraid? shall Or, not run together? there be evil in a city, *and the LORD Or, and shall not the LORD do somewhat? hath not done *it*? ⁷ Surely the Lord God will do nothing, but he revealeth his secret unto his servants the prophets. ⁸ The lion hath roared, who

will not fear? the Lord GOD hath spoken, who can but prophesy?

⁹ Publish in the palaces at Ashdod, and in the palaces in the land of Egypt, and say, Assemble yourselves upon the mountains of Samaria, and behold the great tumults in the midst thereof, and the *oppressed in the midst thereof. ¹⁰ For Or, *oppressions*. they know not to do right, saith the LORD, who store up violence and *robbery in their Or, *spoil*. palaces. ¹¹ Therefore thus saith the Lord GOD; An adversary *there shall be* even round about the land; and he shall bring down thy strength from thee, and thy palaces shall be spoiled. ¹² Thus saith the LORD; As the shepherd *taketh Heb. *deliv-*
ereth. out of the mouth of the lion two legs, or a piece of an ear; so shall the children of Israel be taken out that dwell in Samaria in the corner of a bed, and *in Damascus *in* a couch. Or, *on the bed's feet*.

¹³ Hear ye, and testify in the house of Jacob, saith the Lord GOD, the God of hosts, ¹⁴ that in the day that I shall *visit the transgressions of Israel Or, *punish Israel*
for. upon him I will also visit the altars of Beth-el: and the horns of the altar shall be cut off, and fall to the ground. ¹⁵ And I will smite the winter house with the summer house; and the houses of ivory shall perish, and the great houses shall have an end, saith the LORD.

IV. HEAR this word, ye kine of Bashan, that *are* in the mountain of Samaria, which oppress the poor, which crush the needy, which say to their masters, Bring, and let us drink.

² The Lord GOD hath sworn by his holiness, that, lo, the days shall come upon you, that he will take you away with hooks, and your posterity with

fishhooks. ³And ye shall go out at the breaches, every *cow at that which is* before her; and *ye shall cast *them* into the palace, saith ^{Or, ye shall cast away the things of the palace.} the LORD.

⁴Come to Beth-el, and transgress; at Gilgal multiply transgression; and bring your sacrifices every morning, *and* your tithes after *three ^{Heb. three years of days.} years: ^{Heb. offer by burning.} and *offer a sacrifice of thanksgiving with leaven, and proclaim *and* publish the free offerings: for *this liketh you, O ye ^{Heb. so ye love.} children of Israel, saith the Lord God.

⁵And I also have given you cleanness of teeth in all your cities, and want of bread in all your places: yet have ye not returned unto me, saith the LORD.

⁷And also I have withholden the rain from you, when *there were* yet three months to the harvest: and I caused it to rain upon one city, and caused it not to rain upon another city: one piece was rained upon, and the piece whereupon it rained not withered. ⁸So two *or* three cities wandered unto one city, to drink water; but they were not satisfied: yet have ye not returned unto me, saith the LORD.

⁹I have smitten you with blasting and mildew: *when your gardens and your vineyards and ^{Or, the multitude of your gardens, &c., did the palmerworm, &c.} your fig trees and your olive trees increased, the palmerworm devoured *them*: yet have ye not returned unto me, saith the LORD. ¹⁰I have sent among you the pestilence *after ^{Or, in the way.} the manner of Egypt: your young men have I slain with the sword, *and have taken ^{Heb. with the captivity of your horses.} away your horses; and I have made the stink of your camps to come up unto your nostrils: yet have ye not returned unto me, saith the LORD.

¹¹I have overthrown *some* of you, as God over-

threw Sodom and Gomorrah, and ye were as a firebrand plucked out of the burning: yet have ye not returned unto me, saith the LORD.

¹² Therefore thus will I do unto thee, O Israel: *and* because I will do this unto thee, prepare to meet thy God, O Israel. ¹³ For lo, he that formeth the mountains, and createth the *wind, and de- *or, spirit.* clareth unto man what *is* his thought, that maketh the morning darkness, and treadeth upon the high places of the earth, The LORD, The God of hosts, *is* his name.

V. Hear ye this word which I take up against you, *even* a lamentation, O house of Israel.

² The virgin of Israel is fallen; she shall no more rise: she is forsaken upon her land; *there is* none to raise her up. ³ For thus saith the Lord God; The city that went out *by* a thousand shall leave an hundred, and that which went forth *by* an hundred shall leave ten, to the house of Israel.

⁴ For thus saith the LORD unto the house of Israel, Seek ye me, and ye shall live: ⁵ but seek not Beth-el, nor enter into Gilgal, and pass not to Beer-sheba: for Gilgal shall surely go into captivity, and Beth-el shall come to nought. ⁶ Seek the LORD, and ye shall live; lest he break out like fire in the house of Joseph, and devour *it*, and *there be* none to quench *it* in Beth-el.

⁷ Ye who turn judgment to wormwood, and leave off righteousness in the earth, ⁸ *seek him* that maketh the seven stars and Orion, and turneth the shadow of death into the morning, and maketh the day dark with night: that calleth for the waters of the sea, and poureth them out upon the face of the earth: The LORD *is* his name: ⁹ that strengtheneth

the *spoiled against the strong, so that the Heb. spoil. spoiled shall come against the fortress. ¹⁰ They hate him that rebuketh in the gate, and they abhor him that speaketh uprightly.

¹¹ Forasmuch therefore as your treading *is* upon the poor, and ye take from him burdens of wheat: ye have built houses of hewn stone, but ye shall not dwell in them; ye have planted *pleasant Heb. vineyards of desire. vineyards, but ye shall not drink wine of them.

¹² For I know your manifold transgressions and your mighty sins: they afflict the just, they take a *bribe, and they turn aside the poor in the Or, ransom. gate *from their right*. ¹³ Therefore the prudent shall keep silence in that time; for it *is* an evil time.

¹⁴ Seek good, and not evil, that ye may live: and so the LORD, the God of hosts, shall be with you, as ye have spoken. ¹⁵ Hate the evil, and love the good, and establish judgment in the gate: it may be that the LORD God of hosts will be gracious unto the remnant of Joseph.

¹⁶ Therefore the LORD, the God of hosts, the Lord, saith thus; Wailing *shall be* in all streets; and they shall say in all the highways, Alas! alas! and they shall call the husbandman to mourning, and such as are skilful of lamentation to wailing.

¹⁷ And in all vineyards *shall be* wailing: for I will pass through thee, saith the LORD.

¹⁸ Woe unto you that desire the day of the LORD! to what end *is* it for you? the day of the LORD *is* darkness, and not light. ¹⁹ As if a man did flee from a lion, and a bear met him; or went into the house, and leaned his hand on the wall, and a serpent bit him. ²⁰ *Shall* not the day of the LORD *be* darkness, and not light? even very dark, and no brightness in it?

²¹ I hate, I despise your feast days, and I will not *smell in your solemn assemblies. ²² Though ye ^{Or, smell your holy days.} offer me burnt offerings and your meat offerings, I will not accept *them*: neither will I regard the *peace offerings of your fat beasts. ²³ Take ^{Or, thank offerings.} thou away from me the noise of thy songs; for I will not hear the melody of thy viols. ²⁴ But let judgment *run down as waters, and right- ^{Heb. roll.} eousness as a mighty stream.

²⁵ Have ye offered unto me sacrifices and offerings in the wilderness forty years, O house of Israel? ²⁶ But ye have borne *the tabernacle of your Mo- ^{Or, Siccuth your king.} loch and Chiun your images, the star of your god, which ye made to yourselves. ²⁷ Therefore will I cause you to go into captivity beyond Damascus, saith the LORD, whose name *is* The God of hosts.

VI. WOE to them *that* *are at ease in Zion, and ^{Or, are secure.} trust in the mountain of Samaria, *which are* named *chief of the nations, to whom the house of ^{Or, first-fruits.} Israel came! ² Pass ye unto Calneh, and see; and from thence go ye to Hamath the great: then go down to Gath of the Philistines: *be they* better than these kingdoms? or their border greater than your border?

³ Ye that put far away the evil day, and cause the *seat of violence to come near: ⁴ that lie ^{Or, habitation.} upon beds of ivory, and *stretch them- ^{Or, abound with superfluities.} selves upon their couches, and eat the lambs out of the flock, and the calves out of the midst of the stall; ⁵ that *chant to the sound of the viol, ^{Or, quaver.} and invent to themselves instruments of musick, like David; ⁶ that drink *wine in bowls, ^{Or, in bowls of wine.} and anoint themselves with the chief ointments: but they are not grieved for the *afflic- ^{Heb. breach.} tion of Joseph. ⁷ Therefore now shall they go

captive with the first that go captive, and the banquet of them that stretched themselves shall be removed.

⁸ The Lord GOD hath sworn by himself, saith the LORD the God of hosts, I abhor the excellency of Jacob, and hate his palaces: therefore will I deliver up the city with *all that is ^{Heb. the fulness thereof.} therein.

⁹ And it shall come to pass, if there remain ten men in one house, that they shall die. ¹⁰ And a man's uncle shall take him up, and he that burneth him, to bring out the bones out of the house, and shall say unto him that *is* by the sides of the house, *Is there yet any* with thee? and he shall say, No. Then shall he say, Hold thy tongue: for *we may not ^{Or, they will not, or, have not.} make mention of the name of the LORD.

¹¹ For, behold, the LORD commandeth, and he will smite the great house with *breaches, and ^{Or, droppings.} the little house with clefts.

¹² Shall horses run upon the rock? will *one* plow *there* with oxen? for ye have turned judgment into gall, and the fruit of righteousness into hemlock: ¹³ ye which rejoice in a thing of nought, which say, Have we not taken to us horns by our own strength? ¹⁴ But, behold, I will raise up against you a nation, O house of Israel, saith the LORD the God of hosts; and they shall afflict you from the entering in of Hemath unto the *river ^{Or, valley.} of the wilderness.

VII. Thus hath the Lord GOD shewed unto me; and, behold, he formed *grasshoppers in the ^{Or, green worms.} beginning of the shooting up of the latter growth; and, lo, *it was* the latter growth after the king's

mowings. ² And it came to pass, *that* when they had made an end of eating the grass of the land, then I said,

O Lord God, forgive, I beseech thee: *by ^{Or, who of (or, for,) Jacob shall stand?} whom shall Jacob arise? for he *is* small. ³ The LORD repented for this: It shall not be, saith the LORD.

⁴ Thus hath the Lord God shewed unto me: and, behold, the Lord God called to contend by fire, and it devoured the great deep, and did eat up a part. ⁵ Then said I,

O Lord God, cease, I beseech thee: by whom shall Jacob arise? for he *is* small. ⁶ The LORD repented for this: This also shall not be, saith the Lord God.

⁷ Thus he shewed me: and, behold, the Lord stood upon a wall *made* by a plumbline, with a plumbline in his hand. ⁸ And the LORD said unto me, Amos, what seest thou? And I said, A plumbline. Then said the Lord,

Behold, I will set a plumbline in the midst of my people Israel: I will not again pass by them any more: ⁹ and the high places of Isaac shall be desolate, and the sanctuaries of Israel shall be laid waste; and I will rise against the house of Jeroboam with the sword.

¹⁰ Then Amaziah the priest of Beth-el sent to Jeroboam king of Israel, saying, Amos hath conspired against thee in the midst of the house of Israel: the land is not able to bear all his words. ¹¹ For thus Amos saith, Jeroboam shall die by the sword, and Israel shall surely be led away captive out of their own land. ¹² Also Amaziah said unto Amos, O thou

seer, go, flee thee away into the land of Judah, and there eat bread, and prophesy there: ¹³but prophesy not again any more at Beth-el; for it is the king's *chapel, and it is the *king's court. ¹⁴Then Or, *sanctuary.* answered Amos, and said to Amaziah, I *was* ^{Heb. house of the kingdom.} no prophet, neither *was* I a prophet's son; but I *was* an herdman, and a gatherer of *sycomore fruit: ^{Or, wild figs.} ¹⁵and the LORD took me *as I followed the ^{Heb. from behind.} flock, and the LORD said unto me, Go, prophesy unto my people Israel. ¹⁶Now therefore hear thou the word of the LORD: Thou sayest, Prophesy not against Israel, and drop not *thy word* against the house of Isaac. ¹⁷Therefore thus saith the LORD;

Thy wife shall be an harlot in the city, and thy sons and thy daughters shall fall by the sword, and thy land shall be divided by line; and thou shalt die in a polluted land: and Israel shall surely go into captivity forth of his land.

VIII. Thus hath the Lord GOD shewed unto me: and behold a basket of summer fruit. ²And he said, Amos, what seest thou? And I said, A basket of summer fruit. Then said the LORD unto me,

The end is come upon my people of Israel; I will not again pass by them any more. ³And the songs of the temple *shall be howlings in that ^{Heb. shall howl.} day, saith the Lord GOD: *there shall be* many dead bodies in every place; they shall cast *them* forth *with silence. ^{Heb. be silent.}

⁴Hear this, O ye that swallow up the needy, even to make the poor of the land to fail, ⁵saying, When will the *new moon be gone, that we may ^{Or, month.} sell corn? and the sabbath, that we may *set ^{Heb. open.} forth wheat, making the ephah small, and the shekel great, and *falsifying the balances by ^{Heb. perverting the balances of deceit.}

deceit? ⁶that we may buy the poor for silver, and the needy for a pair of shoes; *yea*, and sell the refuse of the wheat?

⁷The LORD hath sworn by the excellency of Jacob, Surely I will never forget any of their works.

⁸Shall not the land tremble for this, and every one mourn that dwelleth therein? and it shall rise up wholly as a flood; and it shall be cast out and drowned, as *by* the flood of Egypt. ⁹And it shall come to pass in that day, saith the Lord God, that I will cause the sun to go down at noon, and I will darken the earth in the clear day: ¹⁰and I will turn your feasts into mourning, and all your songs into lamentation; and I will bring up sackcloth upon all loins, and baldness upon every head; and I will make it as the mourning of an only *son*, and the end thereof as a bitter day.

¹¹Behold, the days come, saith the Lord God, that I will send a famine in the land, not a famine of bread, nor a thirst for water, but of hearing the words of the LORD: ¹²and they shall wander from sea to sea, and from the north even to the east, they shall run to and fro to seek the word of the LORD, and shall not find *it*. ¹³In that day shall the fair virgins and young men faint for thirst.

¹⁴They that swear by the sin of Samaria, and say, Thy god, O Dan, liveth; and, The *manner Heb. way. of Beer-sheba liveth; even they shall fall, and never rise up again.

IX. I SAW the Lord standing upon the altar: and he said,

Smite the *lintel of the door, that the posts Or, chapter, or, knop, may shake: and *cut them in the head, Or, wound them. all of them: and I will slay the last of them with

the sword: he that fleeth of them shall not flee away, and he that escapeth of them shall not be delivered. ²Though they dig into hell, thence shall mine hand take them; though they climb up to heaven, thence will I bring them down: ³and though they hide themselves in the top of Carmel, I will search and take them out thence; and though they be hid from my sight in the bottom of the sea, thence will I command the serpent, and he shall bite them: ⁴and though they go into captivity before their enemies, thence will I command the sword, and it shall slay them: and I will set mine eyes upon them for evil, and not for good.

⁵And the Lord God of hosts *is* he that toucheth the land, and it shall melt, and all that dwell therein shall mourn: and it shall rise up wholly like a flood; and shall be drowned, as *by* the flood of Egypt. ⁶*It is* he that buildeth his ^{Or, spheres.} ^{Heb. ascensions.} *storie^s in the heaven, and hath founded his ^{Or, bundle.} *troop in the earth; he that calleth for the waters of the sea, and poureth them out upon the face of the earth: The LORD *is* his name.

⁷*Are* ye not as children of the Ethiopians unto me, O children of Israel? saith the LORD. Have not I brought up Israel out of the land of Egypt? and the Philistines from Caphtor, and the Syrians from Kir? ⁸Behold, the eyes of the Lord God *are* upon the sinful kingdom, and I will destroy it from off the face of the earth; saving that I will not utterly destroy the house of Jacob, saith the LORD. ⁹For, lo, I will command, and I will ^{Heb. cause to move.} *sift the house of Israel among all nations, like as *corn* is sifted in a sieve, yet shall not the least ^{Heb. stone.} *grain fall upon the earth. ¹⁰All the sinners of my

people shall die by the sword, which say, The evil shall not overtake nor prevent us.

- ¹¹ IN that day will I raise up the tabernacle of David that is fallen, and *close up the breaches ^{Heb. hedge, or, wall.} thereof; and I will raise up his ruins, and I will build it as in the days of old: ¹²that they may possess the remnant of Edom, and of all the heathen, *which are called by my name, ^{Heb. upon whom my name is called.} saith the LORD that doeth this. ¹³Behold, the days come, saith the LORD, that the plowman shall overtake the reaper, and the treader of grapes him that *soweth seed; and the mountains ^{Heb. draweth forth.} shall drop *sweet wine, and all the hills ^{Or, new wine.} shall melt. ¹⁴And I will bring again the captivity of my people of Israel, and they shall build the waste cities, and inhabit *them*; and they shall plant vineyards, and drink the wine thereof; they shall also make gardens, and eat the fruit of them. ¹⁵And I will plant them upon their land, and they shall no more be pulled up out of their land which I have given them, saith the LORD thy God.

O B A D I A H.

THE vision of Obadiah.

Thus saith the Lord GOD concerning Edom; We have heard a rumour from the LORD, and an ambassador is sent among the heathen, Arise ye, and let us rise up against her in battle.

² Behold, I have made thee small among the heathen: thou art greatly despised. ³ The pride of thine heart hath deceived thee, thou that dwellest in the clefts of the rock, whose habitation *is* high; that saith in his heart, Who shall bring me down to the ground? ⁴ Though thou exalt *thyself* as the eagle, and though thou set thy nest among the stars, thence will I bring thee down, saith the LORD. ⁵ If thieves came to thee, if robbers by night, (how art thou cut off!) would they not have stolen till they had enough? if the grape-gatherers came to thee, would they not leave **some grapes?*

Or, gleanings.

⁶ How are *the things* of Esau searched out! *how* are his hidden things sought up! ⁷ All the men of thy confederacy have brought thee *even* to the border: **the men that were at peace with* ^{Heb. the men of thy peace.} thee have deceived thee, *and* prevailed against

thee; **they that eat thy bread* have laid ^{Heb. the men of thy bread.} a wound under thee: *there is* none understanding *in him. Or, of it.

⁸ Shall I not in that day, saith the LORD, even destroy the wise *men* out of Edom, and understanding out of the mount of Esau? ⁹ And thy mighty *men*, O Teman, shall be dismayed, to the end that every one of the mount of Esau may be cut off by slaughter. ¹⁰ For *thy* violence against thy brother Jacob shame shall cover thee, and thou shalt be cut off for ever. ¹¹ In the day that thou stoodest on the other side, in the day that the strangers *carried away captive his forces, and ^{Or, carried away his substance.} foreigners entered into his gates, and cast lots upon Jerusalem, even thou *wast* as one of them.

¹² But *thou shouldest not have looked on the ^{Or, do not behold, &c.} day of thy brother in the day that he became a stranger; neither shouldest thou have rejoiced over the children of Judah in the day of their destruction; neither shouldest thou have *spoken proudly in the day of distress. ¹³ Thou ^{Heb. magnified thy mouth.} shouldest not have entered into the gate of my people in the day of their calamity; yea, thou shouldest not have looked on their affliction in the day of their calamity, nor have laid *hands* on their *substance in the day of their calamity; Or, forces. ¹⁴ neither shouldest thou have stood in the cross-way, to cut off those of his that did escape; neither shouldest thou have *delivered up those of Or, shut up. his that did remain in the day of distress.

¹⁵ For the day of the LORD *is* near upon all the heathen: as thou hast done, it shall be done unto thee: thy reward shall return upon thine own head. ¹⁶ For as ye have drunk upon my holy mountain, *so* shall all the heathen drink continually, yea, they shall

drink, and they shall *swallow down, and Or, sup up.
 they shall be as though they had not been.

- ¹⁷ But upon mount Zion shall be *deliverance, Or, they that escape.
 and *there shall be holiness; and the house Or, it shall be holy.
 of Jacob shall possess their possessions. ¹⁸ And
 the house of Jacob shall be a fire, and the house
 of Joseph a flame, and the house of Esau for
 stubble, and they shall kindle in them, and devour
 them; and there shall not be *any* remaining of the
 house of Esau; for the LORD hath spoken *it*. ¹⁹ And
they of the south shall possess the mount of Esau;
 and *they of* the plain the Philistines: and they
 shall possess the fields of Ephraim, and the fields
 of Samaria: and Benjamin *shall possess* Gilead.
²⁰ And the captivity of this host of the children
 of Israel *shall possess* that of the Canaanites, *even*
 unto Zarephath; and the captivity of Jerusalem,
 *which *is* in Sepharad, shall possess Or, shall possess that which is in Sepharad.
 the cities of the south. ²¹ And saviours shall come
 up on mount Zion to judge the mount of Esau;
 and the kingdom shall be the LORD's.

J O N A H.

I. Now the word of the LORD came unto *Jonah the son of Amittai, saying, ² Arise, go to ^{Called, Matthew 12. 39, *Jonas.*} Nineveh, that great city, and cry against it; for their wickedness is come up before me.

³ But Jonah rose up to flee unto Tarshish from the presence of the LORD, and went down to Joppa; and he found a ship going to Tarshish: so he paid the fare thereof, and went down into it, to go with them unto Tarshish from the presence of the LORD.

⁴ But the LORD ^{*sent out a great wind into} ^{Heb. cast forth.} the sea, and there was a mighty tempest in the sea, so that the ship ^{*was like to be broken.} ⁵ Then ^{Heb. thought to be broken.} the mariners were afraid, and cried every man unto his god, and cast forth the wares that *were* in the ship into the sea, to lighten *it* of them. But Jonah was gone down into the sides of the ship; and he lay, and was fast asleep.

⁶ So the shipmaster came to him, and said unto him, What meanest thou, O sleeper? arise, call upon thy God, if so be that God will think upon us, that we perish not.

⁷ And they said every one to his fellow, Come, and let us cast lots, that we may know for whose cause this evil *is* upon us. So they cast lots, and the lot fell upon Jonah.

⁸ Then said they unto him, Tell us, we pray thee, for whose cause this evil *is* upon us; What *is* thine occupation? and whence comest thou? what *is* thy country? and of what people *art* thou? ⁹ And he said unto them, I *am* an Hebrew; and I fear *the LORD, the Or, JEHOVAH. God of heaven, which hath made the sea and the dry *land*.

¹⁰ Then were the men *exceedingly afraid, Heb. with great fear. and said unto him, Why hast thou done this? For the men knew that he fled from the presence of the LORD, because he had told them. ¹¹ Then said they unto him, What shall we do unto thee, that the sea *may be calm unto us? for the sea *wrought, Heb. may be silent from us. and was tempestuous. ¹² And he said unto Or, grew more and more tempestuous. them, Take me up, and cast me forth into Heb. went. the sea; so shall the sea be calm unto you: for I know that for my sake this great tempest *is* upon you.

¹³ Nevertheless the men *rowed hard to bring Heb. digged. it to the land; but they could not: for the sea wrought, and was tempestuous against them. ¹⁴ Wherefore they cried unto the LORD, and said, We beseech thee, O LORD, we beseech thee, let us not perish for this man's life, and lay not upon us innocent blood: for thou, O LORD, hast done as it pleased thee. ¹⁵ So they took up Jonah, and cast him forth into the sea: and the sea *ceased from her raging. ¹⁶ Then the men feared the Heb. stood. LORD exceedingly, and *offered a sacrifice Heb. sacrificed a sacrifice unto the LORD, and vowed vows. unto the LORD, and made vows.

¹⁷ Now the LORD had prepared a great fish to swallow up Jonah. And Jonah was in the *belly of the Heb. bowels. fish three days and three nights. II. Then Jonah prayed unto the LORD his God out of the fish's belly, ² and said,

I cried *by reason of mine affliction unto the Or, out of mine affliction.

LORD, and he heard me; out of the belly of *hell cried I, *and* thou heardest my voice. ³ For Or, the grave. thou hadst cast me into the deep, in the *midst of the seas; and the floods compassed me Heb. heart. about: all thy billows and thy waves passed over me. ⁴ Then I said, I am cast out of thy sight; yet I will look again toward thy holy temple. ⁵ The waters compassed me about, *even* to the soul: the depth closed me round about, the weeds were wrapped about my head. ⁶ I went down to the *bottoms of the mountains; the earth Heb. cuttings off. with her bars *was* about me for ever: yet hast thou brought up my life from *corruption, Or, the pit. O LORD my God.

⁷ When my soul fainted within me I remembered the LORD: and my prayer came in unto thee, into thine holy temple. ⁸ They that observe lying vanities forsake their own mercy. ⁹ But I will sacrifice unto thee with the voice of thanksgiving; I will pay *that* that I have vowed. Salvation *is* of the LORD.

¹⁰ And the LORD spake unto the fish, and it vomited out Jonah upon the dry *land*.

III. AND the word of the LORD came unto Jonah the second time, saying, ² Arise, go unto Nineveh, that great city, and preach unto it the preaching that I bid thee.

³ So Jonah arose, and went unto Nineveh, according to the word of the LORD.

Now Nineveh was *an exceeding great city Heb. a city great of God. of three days' journey. ⁴ And Jonah began to enter into the city a day's journey, and he cried, and said, Yet forty days, and Nineveh shall be overthrown.

⁵ So the people of Nineveh believed God, and pro-

claimed a fast, and put on sackcloth, from the greatest of them even to the least of them. ⁶ For word came unto the king of Nineveh, and he arose from his throne, and he laid his robe from him, and covered *him* with sackcloth, and sat in ashes. ⁷ And he caused *it* to be proclaimed and *published through Nineveh by ^{Heb. said.} the decree of the king and his *nobles, saying, ^{Heb. great men.} Let neither man nor beast, herd nor flock, taste any thing: let them not feed, nor drink water: ⁸ but let man and beast be covered with sackcloth, and cry mightily unto God: yea, let them turn every one from his evil way, and from the violence that *is* in their hands. ⁹ Who can tell *if* God will turn and repent, and turn away from his fierce anger, that we perish not?

¹⁰ And God saw their works, that they turned from their evil way; and God repented of the evil, that he had said that he would do unto them; and he did *it* not.

IV. But it displeased Jonah exceedingly, and he was very angry. ² And he prayed unto the LORD, and said, I pray thee, O LORD, *was* not this my saying, when I was yet in my country? Therefore I fled before unto Tarshish: for I knew that thou *art* a gracious God, and merciful, slow to anger, and of great kindness, and repentest thee of the evil. ³ Therefore now, O LORD, take, I beseech thee, my life from me; for *it* is better for me to die than to live.

⁴ Then said the LORD, *Doest thou well ^{Or, Art thou greatly angry?} to be angry?

⁵ So Jonah went out of the city, and sat on the east side of the city, and there made him a booth, and sat under it in the shadow, till he might see what would become of the city. ⁶ And the LORD God prepared a *gourd, and made *it* to come up over Jonah, ^{Or, palmerist. Heb. Kikujon.}

that it might be a shadow over his head, to deliver him from his grief. So Jonah *was exceeding ^{Heb. rejoiced with great joy.} glad of the gourd.

⁷ But God prepared a worm when the morning rose the next day, and it smote the gourd that it withered.

⁸ And it came to pass, when the sun did arise, that God prepared a *vehement east wind; and the sun ^{Or, silent.} beat upon the head of Jonah, that he fainted, and wished in himself to die, and said, *It is better for me to die than to live.*

⁹ And God said to Jonah, *Doest thou well ^{Or, Art thou greatly angry.} to be angry for the gourd? And he said, *I ^{Or, I am greatly angry.} do well to be angry, *even* unto death.

¹⁰ Then said the LORD, Thou hast *had pity ^{Or, spared.} on the gourd, for the which thou hast not laboured, neither madest it grow; which *came up in ^{Heb. was the son of the night.} a night, and perished in a night: ¹¹and should not I spare Nineveh, that great city, wherein are more than sixscore thousand persons that cannot discern between their right hand and their left hand; and *also* much cattle?

M I C A H.

I. THE word of the LORD that came to Micah the Morasthite in the days of Jotham, Ahaz, *and* Hezekiah, kings of Judah, which he saw concerning Samaria and Jerusalem.

² * HEAR, all ye people; hearken, O earth, ^{Heb. Hear, ye people, all of them.} and * all that therein is: and let the Lord ^{Heb. the fulness thereof.} GOD be a witness against you, the Lord from his holy temple. ³ For, behold, the LORD cometh forth out of his place, and will come down, and tread upon the high places of the earth. ⁴ And the mountains shall be molten under him, and the valleys shall be cleft, as wax before the fire, *and* as the waters *that are* poured down * a steep ^{Heb. a descent.} place.

⁵ For the transgression of Jacob *is* all this, and for the sins of the house of Israel. What *is* the transgression of Jacob? *is it* not Samaria? and what *are* the high places of Judah? *are they* not Jerusalem? ⁶ Therefore I will make Samaria as an heap of the field, *and* as plantings of a vineyard: and I will pour down the stones thereof into the valley, and I will discover the foundations thereof. ⁷ And all the graven images thereof shall be beaten to pieces, and all the hires thereof shall be burned

with the fire, and all the idols thereof will I lay desolate: for she gathered *it* of the hire of an harlot, and they shall return to the hire of an harlot.

⁸ Therefore I will wail and howl, I will go stripped and naked: I will make a wailing like the dragons, and mourning as the *owls. ⁹ For *her Heb. daughters of the owl. Or, she is grievously sick of her wounds. wound *is* incurable; for it is come unto Judah; he is come unto the gate of my people, *even* to Jerusalem. ¹⁰ Declare ye *it* not at Gath, weep ye not at all: in the house of *Aphrah roll thyself in the dust. ¹¹ Pass ye away, That is, dust. *thou *inhabitant of Saphir, having Or, thou that dwellest fairly. Heb. inhabitress. thy shame naked: the inhabitant of *Zaanan came not forth in the mourning of *Beth- Or, the country of flocks. Or, a place near. ezel; he shall receive of you his standing. ¹² For the inhabitant of Maroth *waited carefully Or, was grieved. for good: but evil came down from the LORD unto the gate of Jerusalem. ¹³ O thou inhabitant of Lachish, bind the chariot to the swift beast: she *is* the beginning of the sin to the daughter of Zion: for the transgressions of Israel were found in thee. ¹⁴ Therefore shalt thou give presents *to Moresheth-gath: the houses of *Achzib Or, for. That is, a lie. *shall be* a lie to the kings of Israel. ¹⁵ Yet will I bring an heir unto thee, O inhabitant of Maresah: *he shall come unto Adullam Or, the glory of Israel shall come, &c. the glory of Israel. ¹⁶ Make thee bald, and poll thee for thy delicate children; enlarge thy baldness as the eagle; for they are gone into captivity from thee.

II. WOE to them that devise iniquity, and work evil upon their beds! when the morning is light, they practise it, because it is in the power of their hand. ² And they covet fields, and take *them* by violence;

and houses, and take *them* away: so they *oppress a man and his house, even a man and *Or, defraud.* his heritage.

³ Therefore thus saith the LORD; Behold, against this family do I devise an evil, from which ye shall not remove your necks; neither shall ye go haughtily: for this time *is* evil. ⁴ In that day shall *one* take up a parable against you, and lament *with a doleful lamentation, *and say,* ^{Heb. with a lamentation of lamentations.} We be utterly spoiled: he hath changed the portion of my people: how hath he removed *it* from me! *turning away he hath divided our ^{Or, instead of restoring.} fields. ⁵ Therefore thou shalt have none that shall cast a cord by lot in the congregation of the LORD.

⁶ *Prophecy ye not, *say they to them* ^{Or, Prophecy not as they prophecy. Heb. Drop, &c.} *that* prophecy: they shall not prophecy to them, *that* they shall not take shame.

⁷ O *thou that art* named the house of Jacob, is the Spirit of the LORD *straitened? *are* these ^{Or, shortened?} his doings? do not my words do good to him that walketh *uprightly? ⁸ Even *of late my ^{Heb. upright? Heb. yesterday.} people is risen up as an enemy: ye pull off the robe *with the garment from them that ^{Heb. over against a garment.} pass by securely as men averse from war. ⁹ The *women of my people have ye cast out ^{Or, wives.} from their pleasant houses; from their children have ye taken away my glory for ever.

¹⁰ Arise ye, and depart; for this *is* not *your* rest: because it is polluted, it shall destroy *you*, even with a sore destruction. ¹¹ If a man *walking in the spirit and falsehood do lie, ^{Or, walk with the wind, and lie falsely.} *saying,* I will prophecy unto thee of wine and of strong drink; he shall even be the prophet of this people.

¹² I will surely assemble, O Jacob, all of thee; I will

surely gather the remnant of Israel; I will put them together as the sheep of Bozrah, as the flock in the midst of their fold: they shall make great noise by reason of *the multitude of men*. ¹³ The breaker is come up before them: they have broken up, and have passed through the gate, and are gone out by it: and their king shall pass before them, and the LORD on the head of them.

III. AND I said, Hear, I pray you, O heads of Jacob, and ye princes of the house of Israel; *Is it* not for you to know judgment? ² who hate the good, and love the evil; who pluck off their skin from off them, and their flesh from off their bones; ³ who also eat the flesh of my people, and flay their skin from off them; and they break their bones, and chop them in pieces, as for the pot, and as flesh within the caldron. ⁴ Then shall they cry unto the LORD, but he will not hear them: he will even hide his face from them at that time, as they have behaved themselves ill in their doings.

⁵ Thus saith the LORD concerning the prophets that make my people err, that bite with their teeth, and cry, Peace; and he that putteth not into their mouths, they even prepare war against him: ⁶ therefore night *shall be* unto you, ^{*} that ye ^{Heb. from a vision.} shall not have a vision; and it shall be dark unto you, ^{*} that ye shall not divine; and the sun ^{Heb. from divining.} shall go down over the prophets, and the day shall be dark over them. ⁷ Then shall the seers be ashamed, and the diviners confounded: yea, they shall all cover their ^{*}lips; for *there is* no ^{Heb. upper lip.} answer of God. ⁸ But truly I am full of power by the Spirit of the LORD, and of judgment, and of might, to declare unto Jacob his transgression, and to Israel his sin.

⁹ Hear this, I pray you, ye heads of the house of Jacob, and princes of the house of Israel, that abhor judgment, and pervert all equity. ¹⁰ They build up Zion with *blood, and Jerusalem Heb. bloods. with iniquity. ¹¹ The heads thereof judge for reward, and the priests thereof teach for hire, and the prophets thereof divine for money: yet will they lean upon the LORD, *and say, *Is not* Heb. saying. the LORD among us? none evil can come upon us. ¹² Therefore shall Zion for your sake be plowed *as* a field, and Jerusalem shall become heaps, and the mountain of the house as the high places of the forest.

IV. But in the last days it shall come to pass, *that* the mountain of the house of the LORD shall be established in the top of the mountains, and it shall be exalted above the hills; and people shall flow unto it. ² And many nations shall come, and say, Come, and let us go up to the mountain of the LORD, and to the house of the God of Jacob; and he will teach us of his ways, and we will walk in his paths; for the law shall go forth of Zion, and the word of the LORD from Jerusalem. ³ And he shall judge among many people, and rebuke strong nations afar off; and they shall beat their swords into plowshares, and their spears into *pruning-hooks: nation shall not lift up a sword Or, scythes. against nation, neither shall they learn war any more. ⁴ But they shall sit every man under his vine and under his fig tree; and none shall make *them* afraid: for the mouth of the LORD of hosts hath spoken *it*. ⁵ For all people will walk every one in the name of his god, and we will walk in the name of the LORD our God for ever and ever.

⁶ In that day, saith the LORD, will I assemble her that halteth, and I will gather her that is driven out, and her that I have afflicted; ⁷ and I will make her that halteth a remnant, and her that was cast far off a strong nation: and the LORD shall reign over them in mount Zion from henceforth, even for ever. ⁸ And thou, O tower of *the Or, *Edar*. flock, the strong hold of the daughter of Zion, unto thee shall it come, even the first dominion; the kingdom shall come to the daughter of Jerusalem.

⁹ Now why dost thou cry out aloud? *is there* no king in thee? is thy counsellor perished? for pangs have taken thee as a woman in travail. ¹⁰ Be in pain, and labour to bring forth, O daughter of Zion, like a woman in travail: for now shalt thou go forth out of the city, and thou shalt dwell in the field, and thou shalt go *even* to Babylon; there shalt thou be delivered; there the LORD shall redeem thee from the hand of thine enemies.

¹¹ Now also many nations are gathered against thee, that say, Let her be defiled, and let our eye look upon Zion. ¹² But they know not the thoughts of the LORD, neither understand they his counsel: for he shall gather them as the sheaves into the floor. ¹³ Arise and thresh, O daughter of Zion: for I will make thine horn iron, and I will make thy hoofs brass: and thou shalt beat in pieces many people: and I will consecrate their gain unto the LORD, and their substance unto the LORD of the whole earth.

V. Now gather thyself in troops, O daughter of troops: he hath laid siege against us: they shall smite the judge of Israel with a rod upon the cheek. ² But thou, Beth-lehem Ephratah, *though* thou be little

among the thousands of Judah, *yet* out of thee shall he come forth unto me *that is* to be ruler in Israel: whose goings forth *have been* from of old, from *everlasting.

Heb. *the days of eternity.*

³ Therefore will he give them up, until the time *that* she which travaileth hath brought forth: then the remnant of his brethren shall return unto the children of Israel. ⁴ And he shall stand and *feed *Or, rule.* in the strength of the LORD, in the majesty of the name of the LORD his God; and they shall abide: for now shall he be great unto the ends of the earth.

⁵ And this *man* shall be the peace, when the Assyrian shall come into our land: and when he shall tread in our palaces, then shall we raise against him seven shepherds, and eight *principal *Heb. princes of men.* men. ⁶ And they shall *waste the land of *Heb. eat up.* Assyria with the sword, and the land of Nimrod *in the entrances thereof: thus shall he *Or, with her own naked swords.* deliver *us* from the Assyrian, when he cometh into our land, and when he treadeth within our borders.

⁷ And the remnant of Jacob shall be in the midst of many people as a dew from the LORD, as the showers upon the grass, that tarrieth not for man, nor waiteth for the sons of men. ⁸ And the remnant of Jacob shall be among the Gentiles in the midst of many people as a lion among the beasts of the forest, as a young lion among the flocks of *sheep: who, if he go through, both *Or, goats.* treadeth down, and teareth in pieces, and none can deliver. ⁹ Thine hand shall be lifted up upon thine adversaries, and all thine enemies shall be cut off.

¹⁰ And it shall come to pass in that day, saith the LORD, that I will cut off thy horses out of the

midst of thee, and I will destroy thy chariots ;
¹¹ and I will cut off the cities of thy land, and
 throw down all thy strong holds : ¹² and I will
 cut off witchcrafts out of thine hand ; and thou
 shalt have no *more* soothsayers : ¹³ thy graven
 images also will I cut off, and thy *stand- *Or, statues.*
 ing images out of the midst of thee ; and thou
 shalt no more worship the work of thine hands.
¹⁴ And I will pluck up thy groves out of the midst
 of thee : so will I destroy thy *cities. ¹⁵ And *Or, enemies.*
 I will execute vengeance in anger and fury upon
 the heathen, such as they have not heard.

VI. HEAR ye now what the LORD saith ; Arise, con-
 tend thou *before the mountains, and let the *Or, with.*
 hills hear thy voice.

² Hear ye, O mountains, the LORD's controversy, and
 ye strong foundations of the earth : for the LORD
 hath a controversy with his people, and he will
 plead with Israel. ³ O my people, what have I
 done unto thee ? and wherein have I wearied thee ?
 testify against me. ⁴ For I brought thee up out
 of the land of Egypt, and redeemed thee out of
 the house of servants ; and I sent before thee
 Moses, Aaron, and Miriam.

⁵ O my people, remember now what Balak king of
 Moab consulted, and what Balaam the son of Beor
 answered him from Shittim unto Gilgal ; that ye
 may know the righteousness of the LORD.

⁶ Wherewith shall I come before the LORD, *and* bow
 myself before the high God ? shall I come before
 him with burnt offerings, with calves *of *Heb. sons*
 a year old ? *of a year.* ⁷ Will the LORD be pleased with
 thousands of rams, *or* with ten thousands of
 rivers of oil ? shall I give my firstborn *for* my
 transgression, the fruit of my *body *for* the *Heb. belly.*

sin of my soul? ⁸ He hath shewed thee, O man, what *is* good; and what doth the LORD require of thee, but to do justly, and to love mercy, and to *walk humbly with thy God? Heb. humble thyself to walk.

⁹ The LORD's voice crieth unto the city, and **the man* of wisdom shall see thy name: hear Or, thy name shall see that which is. ye the rod, and who hath appointed it. ¹⁰ *Are

there yet the treasures of wickedness in the house of the wicked, and the

*scant measure *that is* abominable? Or, Is there yet unto every man an house of the wicked, &c.

¹¹ *Shall I count *them* pure with the wicked balances, and with the bag of deceitful weights? ¹² For the rich men thereof are full of violence, and the inhabitants thereof have spoken lies, and their tongue *is* deceitful in their mouth.

¹³ Therefore also will I make *thee* sick in smiting thee, in making *thee* desolate because of thy sins. ¹⁴ Thou shalt eat, but not be satisfied; and thy casting down *shall be* in the midst of thee; and thou shalt take hold, but shalt not deliver; and *that* which thou deliverest will I give up to the sword.

¹⁵ Thou shalt sow, but thou shalt not reap; thou shalt tread the olives, but thou shalt not anoint thee with oil; and sweet wine, but shalt not drink wine. ¹⁶ For *the statutes of Omri are Or, he doth much keep the, &c.

kept, and all the works of the house of Ahab, and ye walk in their counsels; that I should make thee a *desolation, and the inhabitants thereof Or, astonishment. an hissing: therefore ye shall bear the reproach of my people.

VII. Woe is me; for I am as *when they Heb. the gatherings of summer. have gathered the summer fruits, as the gleanings of the vintage: *there is* no cluster to eat: my soul desired the firstripe fruit. ² The *good man is perished out of the earth: and Or, godly, or, merciful.

there is none upright among men: they all lie in wait for blood; they hunt every man his brother with a net. ³ That they may do evil with both hands earnestly, the prince asketh, and the judge *asketh* for a reward; and the great *man*, he uttereth ^{*}his mischievous desire: so they wrap it up. Heb. the mischief of his soul.

⁴ The best of them *is* a brier: the most upright *is sharper* than a thorn hedge: the day of thy watchmen *and* thy visitation cometh; now shall be their perplexity. ⁵ Trust ye not in a friend, put ye not confidence in a guide: keep the doors of thy mouth from her that lieth in thy bosom. ⁶ For the son dishonoureth the father, the daughter riseth up against her mother, the daughter in law against her mother in law; a man's enemies *are* the men of his own house.

⁷ Therefore I will look unto the LORD; I will wait for the God of my salvation: my God will hear me.

⁸ Rejoice not against me, O mine enemy: when I fall, I shall arise; when I sit in darkness, the LORD *shall be* a light unto me. ⁹ I will bear the indignation of the LORD, because I have sinned against him, until he plead my cause, and execute judgment for me: he will bring me forth to the light, *and* I shall behold his righteousness. ¹⁰ ^{*}Then *she that is mine enemy shall see it*, and shame shall cover her which said unto me, Where is the LORD thy God? mine eyes shall behold her: now shall ^{*}she be Or, And thou wilt see her that is mine enemy, and cover her with shame. Heb. she shall be for a treading down. trodden down as the mire of the streets.

¹¹ *In* the day that thy walls are to be built, *in* that day shall the decree be far removed. ¹² *In* that day *also* he shall come even to thee from Assyria, ^{*}and from the fortified cities, and from the fortress even to the river, and from sea to sea, and Or, even to.

from mountain to mountain. ¹³ *Notwith- Or, *After that it hath been.*
standing the land shall be desolate because of them
that dwell therein, for the fruit of their doings.

¹⁴ * Feed thy people with thy rod, the flock of Or, *Rule.*
thine heritage, which dwell solitarily *in* the wood,
in the midst of Carmel: let them feed *in* Bashan
and Gilead, as in the days of old.

¹⁵ According to the days of thy coming out of the land
of Egypt will I shew unto him marvellous *things*.

¹⁶ The nations shall see and be confounded at all
their might: they shall lay *their* hand upon *their*
mouth, their ears shall be deaf. ¹⁷ They shall lick
the dust like a serpent, they shall move out of
their holes like *worms of the earth: Or, *creeping things.*
they shall be afraid of the LORD our God, and shall
fear because of thee.

¹⁸ Who *is* a God like unto thee, that pardoneth ini-
quity, and passeth by the transgression of the
remnant of his heritage? he retaineth not his
anger for ever, because he delighteth *in* mercy.

¹⁹ He will turn again, he will have compassion upon
us; he will subdue our iniquities; and thou wilt
cast all their sins into the depths of the sea.

²⁰ Thou wilt perform the truth to Jacob, *and* the
mercy to Abraham, which thou hast sworn unto
our fathers from the days of old.

N A H U M.



I. THE burden of Nineveh. The book of the vision of Nahum the Elkoshite.

² * God *is* jealous, and the LORD re- Or, *The LORD is a jealous God, and a revenger, &c.*
vengeth; the LORD revengeth, and ^{*}*is* Heb. *that hath fury.*
furious; the LORD will take vengeance on his ad-
versaries, and he reserveth *wrath* for his enemies.

³ The LORD *is* slow to anger, and great in power,
and will not at all acquit *the wicked*: the LORD
hath his way in the whirlwind and in the storm,
and the clouds *are* the dust of his feet. ⁴ He re-
buketh the sea, and maketh it dry, and drieth up
all the rivers: Bashan languisheth, and Carmel,
and the flower of Lebanon languisheth. ⁵ The
mountains quake at him, and the hills melt, and
the earth is burned at his presence, yea, the world,
and all that dwell therein. ⁶ Who can stand before
his indignation? and who can ^{*}abide in Heb. *stand up.*
the fierceness of his anger? his fury is poured out
like fire, and the rocks are thrown down by him.

⁷ The LORD *is* good, a ^{*}strong hold in the day Or, *strength.*
of trouble; and he knoweth them that trust in
him. ⁸ But with an overrunning flood he will
make an utter end of the place thereof, and dark-
ness shall pursue his enemies.

⁹ What do ye imagine against the LORD? he will make an utter end: affliction shall not rise up the second time. ¹⁰ For while *they be* folded together *as* thorns, and while they are drunken *as* drunkards, they shall be devoured as stubble fully dry. ¹¹ There is *one* come out of thee, that imagineth evil against the LORD, *a wicked counsellor.

Heb. a counsellor of Belial.

¹² Thus saith the LORD; *Though *they be* quiet, and likewise many, yet thus shall they be *cut down when he shall pass through.

Or, If they would have been at peace, so should they have been many, and so should they have been shorn, and he should have passed away. Heb. shorn.

Though I have afflicted thee, I will afflict thee no more. ¹³ For now will I break his yoke from off thee, and will burst thy bonds in sunder.

¹⁴ And the LORD hath given a commandment concerning thee, *that* no more of thy name be sown: out of the house of thy gods will I cut off the graven image and the molten image: I will make thy grave; for thou art vile.

¹⁵ Behold upon the mountains the feet of him that bringeth good tidings, that publisheth peace! O Judah, *keep thy solemn feasts, perform thy vows: for *the wicked shall no more pass through thee; he is utterly cut off.

Heb. feast.

Heb. Belial.

II. HE *that dasheth in pieces is come up before thy face: keep the munition, watch the way, make *thy* loins strong, fortify *thy* power mightily. ² For the LORD hath turned away *the excellency of Jacob, as the excellency of Israel: for the emptiers have emptied them out, and marred their vine branches. ³ The shield of his mighty men is made red, the valiant men *are* *in scarlet: the chariots *shall be* with *flaming torches in the day of his preparation, and the fir trees shall be terribly shaken.

Or, The disperser, or, hammer.

Or, the pride of Jacob as the pride of Israel.

Or, dyed scarlet.

Or, fiery torches.

⁴ The chariots shall rage in the streets, they shall jostle one against another in the broad ways :
 *they shall seem like torches, they shall Heb. their show.
 run like the lightnings.

⁵ He shall recount his *worthies : they shall Or, gallants.
 stumble in their walk ; they shall make haste to
 the wall thereof, and the *defence shall Heb. covering,
 or, cokerer.
 be prepared. ⁶ The gates of the rivers shall be
 opened, and the palace shall be *dissolved. Or, molten.
⁷ And *Huzzab shall be *led away Or, that which was
 established, or, there
 was a stand made.
 Or, discovered.
 captive, she shall be brought up, and
 her maids shall lead *her* as with the voice of doves,
 tabering upon their breasts. ⁸ But Nineveh is *of
 old like a pool of water : yet they shall Or, from the days
 that she hath been.
 flee away. Stand, stand, *shall they cry* ; but none
 shall *look back. Or, cause them to turn.

⁹ Take ye the spoil of silver, take the spoil of gold :
 *for *there is* none end of the store *and* Or, and their in-
 finite store, &c.
 glory out of all the *pleasant furniture. Heb. vessels
 of desire.

¹⁰ She is empty, and void, and waste : and the heart
 melteth, and the knees smite together, and much
 pain *is* in all loins, and the faces of them all gather
 blackness.

¹¹ Where *is* the dwelling of the lions, and the feeding-
 place of the young lions, where the lion, *even* the
 old lion, walked, *and* the lion's whelp, and none
 made *them* afraid? ¹² The lion did tear in pieces
 enough for his whelps, and strangled for his lion-
 esses, and filled his holes with prey, and his dens
 with ravin.

¹³ Behold, I *am* against thee, saith the LORD of hosts,
 and I will burn her chariots in the smoke, and the
 sword shall devour thy young lions : and I will
 cut off thy prey from the earth, and the voice of
 thy messengers shall no more be heard.

- III. Woe to the *bloody city! it is all full of ^{Heb. city of bloods.} lies and robbery; the prey departeth not; ² the noise of a whip, and the noise of the rattling of the wheels, and of the pransing horses, and of the jumping chariots. ³ The horseman lifteth up both *the bright sword and the glit- ^{Heb. the flame of the sword, and the lightning of the spear.} tering spear, and *there is* a multitude of slain, and a great number of carcasses; and *there is* none end of *their* corpses; they stumble upon their corpses: ⁴ because of the multitude of the whoredoms of the wellfavoured harlot, the mistress of witchcrafts, that selleth nations through her whoredoms, and families through her witchcrafts.
- ⁵ Behold, I *am* against thee, saith the LORD of hosts; and I will discover thy skirts upon thy face, and I will shew the nations thy nakedness, and the kingdoms thy shame. ⁶ And I will cast abominable filth upon thee, and make thee vile, and will set thee as a gazingstock. ⁷ And it shall come to pass, *that* all they that look upon thee shall flee from thee, and say, Nineveh is laid waste: who will bemoan her? whence shall I seek comforters for thee?
- ⁸ Art thou better than *populous No, that ^{Or, nourishing. Heb. No Amom.} was situate among the rivers, *that had* the waters round about it, whose rampart *was* the sea, and her wall *was* from the sea? ⁹ Ethiopia and Egypt *were* her strength, and *it was* infinite; Put and Lubim were *thy helpers. ¹⁰ Yet *was* she ^{Heb. in thy help.} carried away, she went into captivity: her young children also were dashed in pieces at the top of all the streets: and they cast lots for her honourable men, and all her great men were bound in chains.
- ¹¹ Thou also shalt be drunken: thou shalt be hid, thou also shalt seek strength because of the enemy.

- ¹² All thy strong holds *shall be like* fig trees with the firstripe figs: if they be shaken, they shall even fall into the mouth of the eater. ¹³ Behold, thy people in the midst of thee *are* women: the gates of thy land shall be set wide open unto thine enemies: the fire shall devour thy bars.
- ¹⁴ Draw thee waters for the siege, fortify thy strong holds: go into clay, and tread the mortar, make strong the brickkiln. ¹⁵ There shall the fire devour thee; the sword shall cut thee off, it shall eat thee up like the cankerworm; make thyself many as the cankerworm, make thyself many as the locusts. ¹⁶ Thou hast multiplied thy merchants above the stars of heaven: the cankerworm ^{*spoil-} ^{Or, spreadeth himself.} eth, and fleeth away. ¹⁷ Thy crowned *are* as the locusts, and thy captains as the great grasshoppers, which camp in the hedges in the cold day, *but* when the sun ariseth they flee away, and their place is not known where they *are*. ¹⁸ Thy shepherds slumber, O king of Assyria: thy ^{*nobles} shall dwell *in the dust*: thy people is scat- ^{Or, valiant ones.} tered upon the mountains, and no man gathereth *them*. ¹⁹ *There is* no ^{*healing} of thy bruise; ^{Heb. wrinkling.} thy wound is grievous: all that hear the bruit of thee shall clap the hands over thee: for upon whom hath not thy wickedness passed continually?

H A B A K K U K.

I. THE burden which Habakkuk the prophet did see.

² O LORD, how long shall I cry, and thou wilt not hear! *even* cry out unto thee *of* violence, and thou wilt not save! ³ Why dost thou shew me iniquity, and cause *me* to behold grievance? for spoiling and violence *are* before me: and there are *that* raise up strife and contention. ⁴ Therefore the law is slacked, and judgment doth never go forth: for the wicked doth compass about the righteous; therefore *wrong judgment proceedeth.

Or, wrested.

⁵ Behold ye among the heathen, and regard, and wonder marvellously; for *I* will work a work in your days, *which* ye will not believe, though it be told *you*. ⁶ For lo, I raise up the Chaldeans, *that* bitter and hasty nation, which shall march through the *breadth of the land, to possess the dwell- *Heb. breadths.* ingplaces *that are* not their's. ⁷ They *are* terrible and dreadful: *their judgment and their dignity shall proceed of them- *Or, from them shall proceed the judgment of these, and the captivity of these.* selves. ⁸ Their horses also are swifter than the leopards, and are more *fierce than the *Heb. sharp.* evening wolves: and their horsemen shall spread themselves, and their horsemen shall come from

far; they shall fly as the eagle *that* hasteth to eat.

⁹ They shall come all for violence: Or, *the supping up of their faces, &c., or, their faces shall look toward the east.*

*their faces shall sup up *as* the east wind, and they shall gather the captivity as the sand. ¹⁰ And they shall *Heb. the opposition of their faces toward the east.*

scoff at the kings, and the princes shall be a scorn unto them: they shall deride every strong hold; for they shall heap dust, and take it. ¹¹ Then shall *his* mind change, and he shall pass over, and offend, *imputing* this his power unto his god.

¹² Art thou not from everlasting, O LORD my God, mine Holy One? we shall not die. O LORD, thou hast ordained them for judgment; and O *mighty God, thou hast *established them for cor- *Heb. rock. Heb. founded.*

rection. ¹³ *Thou art* of purer eyes than to behold evil, and canst not look on *iniquity: Or, *grievance.* wherefore lookest thou upon them that deal treacherously, *and* holdest thy tongue when the wicked devoureth *the man that is* more righteous than he?

¹⁴ and makest men as the fishes of the sea, as the *creeping things, *that have* no ruler over Or, *moving.*

them? ¹⁵ They take up all of them with the angle, they catch them in their net, and gather them in their *drag: therefore they rejoyce and are Or, *flue net.*

glad. ¹⁶ Therefore they sacrifice unto their net, and burn incense unto their drag; because by them their portion *is* fat, and their meat *plente- Or, *daintly.*

ous. ¹⁷ Shall they therefore empty their net, and not spare continually to slay the nations?

II. I will stand upon my watch, and set me upon the *tower, and will watch to see what he *Heb. fenced place.* will say *unto me, and what I shall answer Or, *in me.* *when I am reprov'd. Or, *when I am argued with.*

² And the LORD answered me, and said, Write the vision, and make *it* plain upon tables, that he may *Heb. upon my reproof, or, arguing.*

run that readeth it. ³ For the vision *is* yet for an appointed time, but at the end it shall speak, and not lie: though it tarry, wait for it; because it will surely come, it will not tarry.

⁴ Behold, his soul *which* is lifted up is not upright in him: but the just shall live by his faith. ⁵ * Yea also, because he transgresseth by wine, ^{Or, How much more.} *he is* a proud man, neither keepeth at home, who enlargeth his desire as hell, and *is* as death, and cannot be satisfied, but gathereth unto him all nations, and heapeth unto him all people: ⁶ shall not all these take up a parable against him, and a taunting proverb against him, and say, * Woe to him that increaseth *that which is* not his! ^{Or, Ho, he.} how long? and to him that ladeth himself with thick clay! ⁷ Shall they not rise up suddenly that shall bite thee, and awake that shall vex thee, and thou shalt be for booties unto them? ⁸ Because thou hast spoiled many nations, all the remnant of the people shall spoil thee; because of men's * blood, and *for* the violence of the land, of ^{Heb. bloods.} the city, and of all that dwell therein.

⁹ Woe to him that * coveteth an evil covetous- ^{Or, gaineth an evil gain.} ness to his house, that he may set his nest on high, that he may be delivered from the * power of evil! ¹⁰ Thou hast consulted shame to thy ^{Heb. palm of the hand.} house by cutting off many people, and hast sinned *against* thy soul. ¹¹ For the stone shall cry out of the wall, and the * beam out of the timber ^{Or, piece, or, fastening.} shall * answer it. ^{Or, witness against it.}

¹² Woe to him that buildeth a town with * blood, and stablisheth a city by iniquity! ¹³ Behold, *is* ^{Heb. bloods.} *it* not of the LORD of hosts that the people shall labour in the very fire, and the people shall weary themselves * for very vanity? ¹⁴ for ^{Or, in vain.}

the earth shall be filled *with the Or, by knowing the glory of the LORD. knowledge of the glory of the LORD, as the waters cover the sea.

¹⁵ Woe unto him that giveth his neighbour drink, that puttest thy bottle to *him*, and makest *him* drunken also, that thou mayest look on their nakedness!

¹⁶ Thou art filled *with shame for Or, more with shame than with glory. glory: drink thou also, and let thy foreskin be uncovered: the cup of the LORD's right hand shall be turned unto thee, and shameful spewing *shall be* on thy glory. ¹⁷ For the violence of Lebanon shall cover thee, and the spoil of beasts, *which* made them afraid, because of men's blood, and for the violence of the land, of the city, and of all that dwell therein.

¹⁸ What profiteth the graven image that the maker thereof hath graven it; the molten image, and a teacher of lies, that *the maker of Heb. the fashioner of his fashion. his work trusteth therein, to make dumb idols?

¹⁹ Woe unto him that saith to the wood, Awake; to the dumb stone, Arise, it shall teach! behold, it *is* laid over with gold and silver, and *there is* no breath at all in the midst of it. ²⁰ But the LORD *is* in his holy temple: *let all the Heb. be silent all the earth before him. earth keep silence before him.

III. A PRAYER of Habakkuk the prophet *upon Shigionoth. Or, according to variable songs, or, tunes, called in Hebrew, Shigionoth.

² O LORD, I have heard *thy speech, *and* Heb. thy report or, thy hearing. was afraid: O LORD, *revive thy work Or, preserve alive. in the midst of the years, in the midst of the years make known; in wrath remember mercy.

³ God came from *Teman, and the Holy One Or, the south. from mount Paran. Selah. His glory covered the heavens, and the earth was full of his praise.

⁴ And *his* brightness was as the light; he had
 *horns *coming* out of his hand: and <sup>Or, *bright beams*
out of his side.</sup> there *was* the hiding of his power. ⁵ Before him
 went the pestilence, and *burning coals <sup>Or, *burning*
diseases.</sup> went forth at his feet.

⁶ He stood, and measured the earth: he beheld, and
 drove asunder the nations; and the everlasting
 mountains were scattered, the perpetual hills did
 bow: his ways *are* everlasting.

⁷ I saw the tents of *Cushan *in affliction: ^{Or, *Ethiopia.*}
and the curtains of the land of Midian <sup>Or, *under afflic-*
tion, or, vanity.</sup> did tremble. ⁸ Was the LORD displeased against
 the rivers? *was* thine anger against the rivers?
was thy wrath against the sea, that thou didst ride
 upon thine horses *and* *thy chariots of <sup>Or, *thy chariots*
were salvation.</sup> salvation? ⁹ Thy bow was made quite naked, *ac-*
ording to the oaths of the tribes, *even* thy word.
 Selah. *Thou didst cleave the earth <sup>Or, *Thou didst cleave*
the rivers of the earth.</sup> with rivers. ¹⁰ The mountains saw thee, *and* they
 trembled: the overflowing of the water passed by:
 the deep uttered his voice, *and* lifted up his hands
 on high. ¹¹ The sun *and* moon stood still in their
 habitation: *at the light of thine <sup>Or, *thine arrows walked*
in the light, &c.</sup> arrows they went, *and* at the shining of thy glit-
 tering spear.

¹² Thou didst march through the land in indignation,
 thou didst thresh the heathen in anger. ¹³ Thou
 wentest forth for the salvation of thy people, *even*
 for salvation with thine anointed; thou woundedst
 the head out of the house of the wicked, *by dis-
 covering the foundation unto the neck. <sup>Heb. *making*
naked.</sup> Selah. ¹⁴ Thou didst strike through with his staves
 the head of his villages: they *came out <sup>Heb. *were tem-*
pestuous.</sup> as a whirlwind, to scatter me: their rejoicing *was*
 as to devour the poor secretly. ¹⁵ Thou didst walk

through the sea with thine horses, *through* the
 *heap of great waters. Or, mud.

¹⁶ When I heard, my belly trembled; my lips quivered
 at the voice: rottenness entered into my bones,
 and I trembled in myself, that I might rest in the
 day of trouble: when he cometh up unto the
 people, he will *invade them with his Or, cut them
in pieces.
 troops.

¹⁷ Although the fig tree shall not blossom, neither *shall*
 fruit *be* in the vines; the labour of the olive shall
 *fail, and the fields shall yield no meat; the Heb. lie.
 flock shall be cut off from the fold, and *there shall*
be no herd in the stalls: ¹⁸ yet I will rejoice in the
 LORD, I will joy in the God of my salvation. ¹⁹ The
 LORD God *is* my strength, and he will make my
 feet like hinds' *feet*, and he will make me to walk
 upon mine high places.

To the chief singer on my *stringed in- Heb. Neginoth.
 struments.

ZEPHANIAH.



I. THE word of the LORD which came unto Zephaniah the son of Cushi, the son of Gedaliah, the son of Amariah, the son of Hizkiah, in the days of Josiah the son of Amon, king of Judah.

² * I will utterly consume all *things* from ^{Heb. By taking away I will make an end.} off * the land, saith the LORD. ³ I will consume man and beast; I will consume the fowls of the heaven, and the fishes of the sea, and the *stumblingblocks with the wicked; and I ^{Heb. the face of the land.} will cut off man from off the land, saith the LORD. ⁴ I will also stretch out mine hand upon Judah, and upon all the inhabitants of Jerusalem; and I will cut off the remnant of Baal from this place, *and* the name of the Chemarims with the priests; ⁵ and them that worship the host of heaven upon the housetops; and them that worship *and* that swear *by the LORD, and that swear by ^{Or, to the LORD.} Malcham; ⁶ and them that are turned back from the LORD; and *those* that have not sought the LORD, nor enquired for him.

⁷ Hold thy peace at the presence of the Lord God: for the day of the LORD *is* at hand: for the LORD hath prepared a sacrifice, he hath *bid his ^{Heb. sanctified, or, prepared.}

guests. ⁸ And it shall come to pass in the day of the LORD's sacrifice, that I will *punish the ^{Heb. visit upon.} princes, and the king's children, and all such as are clothed with strange apparel. ⁹ In the same day also will I punish all those that leap on the threshold, which fill their masters' houses with violence and deceit. ¹⁰ And it shall come to pass in that day, saith the LORD, *that there shall be* the noise of a cry from the fish gate, and an howling from the second, and a great crashing from the hills. ¹¹ Howl, ye inhabitants of Maktesh, for all the merchant people are cut down; all they that bear silver are cut off.

¹² And it shall come to pass at that time, *that* I will search Jerusalem with candles, and punish the men that are *settled on their lees: that ^{Heb. curded, or, thickened.} say in their heart, The LORD will not do good, neither will he do evil. ¹³ Therefore their goods shall become a booty, and their houses a desolation: they shall also build houses, but not inhabit *them*; and they shall plant vineyards, but not drink the wine thereof.

¹⁴ The great day of the LORD *is* near, *it is* near, and hasteth greatly, *even* the voice of the day of the LORD: the mighty man shall cry there bitterly. ¹⁵ That day *is* a day of wrath, a day of trouble and distress, a day of wasteness and desolation, a day of darkness and gloominess, a day of clouds and thick darkness, ¹⁶ a day of the trumpet and alarm against the fenced cities, and against the high towers. ¹⁷ And I will bring distress upon men, that they shall walk like blind men, because they have sinned against the LORD: and their blood shall be poured out as dust, and their flesh as the dung. ¹⁸ Neither their silver nor their gold shall be able

to deliver them in the day of the LORD's wrath; but the whole land shall be devoured by the fire of his jealousy: for he shall make even a speedy riddance of all them that dwell in the land.

II. Gather yourselves together, yea, gather together, O nation *not desired; ² before the decree ^{Or, not desirous.} bring forth, *before* the day pass as the chaff, before the fierce anger of the LORD come upon you, before the day of the LORD's anger come upon you. ³ Seek ye the LORD, all ye meek of the earth, which have wrought his judgment; seek righteousness, seek meekness: it may be ye shall be hid in the day of the LORD's anger.

⁴ For Gaza shall be forsaken, and Ashkelon a desolation: they shall drive out Ashdod at the noon day, and Ekron shall be rooted up. ⁵ Woe unto the inhabitants of the sea coasts, the nation of the Cherethites! the word of the LORD is against you; O Canaan, the land of the Philistines, I will even destroy thee, that there shall be no inhabitant. ⁶ And the sea coast shall be dwellings *and* cottages for shepherds, and folds for flocks. ⁷ And the coast shall be for the remnant of the house of Judah; they shall feed thereupon: in the houses of Ashkelon shall they lie down in the evening: ^{*}for ^{Or, when, &c.} the LORD their God shall visit them, and turn away their captivity.

⁸ I have heard the reproach of Moab, and the revilings of the children of Ammon, whereby they have reproached my people, and magnified *themselves* against their border. ⁹ Therefore *as* I live, saith the LORD of hosts, the God of Israel, Surely Moab shall be as Sodom, and the children of Ammon as Gomorrah, *even* the breeding of nettles, and salt-pits, and a perpetual desolation: the residue of my

people shall spoil them, and the remnant of my people shall possess them. ¹⁰ This shall they have for their pride, because they have reproached and magnified *themselves* against the people of the LORD of hosts. ¹¹ The LORD *will be* terrible unto them: for he will *famish all the gods of the earth; ^{Heb. make lean.} and *men* shall worship him, every one from his place, *even* all the isles of the heathen.

¹² Ye Ethiopians also, ye *shall be* slain by my sword.

¹³ And he will stretch out his hand against the north, and destroy Assyria; and will make Nineveh a desolation, *and* dry like a wilderness. ¹⁴ And flocks shall lie down in the midst of her, all the beasts of the nations: both the *cormorant and the ^{Or, pelican.} bittern shall lodge in the *upper lintels of ^{Or, knops, or, chapiters.} it; *their* voice shall sing in the windows; desolation *shall be* in the thresholds: *for he ^{Or, when he hath uncovered.} shall uncover the cedar work. ¹⁵ This *is* the rejoicing city that dwelt carelessly, that said in her heart, *I am*, and *there is* none beside me: how is she become a desolation, a place for beasts to lie down in! every one that passeth by her shall hiss, *and* wag his hand.

III. Woe to *her that is filthy and polluted, ^{Or, gluttonous. Heb. craw.} to the oppressing city! ² She obeyed not the voice; she received not *correction; she ^{Or, instruction.} trusted not in the LORD; she drew not near to her God. ³ Her princes within her *are* roaring lions; her judges *are* evening wolves; they gnaw not the bones till the morrow. ⁴ Her prophets *are* light *and* treacherous persons: her priests have polluted the sanctuary, they have done violence to the law.

⁵ The just LORD *is* in the midst thereof; he will not do iniquity; *every morning doth he bring ^{Heb. morning by morning.}

his judgment to light, he faileth not; but the unjust knoweth no shame. ⁶ I have cut off the nations: their *towers are desolate; I made Or, corners. their streets waste, and none passeth by: their cities are destroyed, so that there is no man, that there is none inhabitant.

⁷ I said, Surely thou wilt fear me, thou wilt receive instruction; so their dwelling should not be cut off, howsoever I punished them: but they rose early, *and* corrupted all their doings. ⁸ Therefore wait ye upon me, saith the LORD, until the day that I rise up to the prey: for my determination *is* to gather the nations, that I may assemble the kingdoms, to pour upon them mine indignation, *even* all my fierce anger: for all the earth shall be devoured with the fire of my jealousy. ⁹ For then will I turn to the people a pure *lan- Heb. lip. guage, that they may all call upon the name of the LORD, to serve him with one *consent. Heb. shoulder.

¹⁰ From beyond the rivers of Ethiopia my suppliants, *even* the daughter of my dispersed, shall bring mine offering. ¹¹ In that day shalt thou not be ashamed for all thy doings, wherein thou hast transgressed against me: for then I will take away out of the midst of thee them that rejoice in thy pride, and thou shalt no more be haughty *because of my holy mountain. ¹² I will Heb. in my holy. also leave in the midst of thee an afflicted and poor people, and they shall trust in the name of the LORD. ¹³ The remnant of Israel shall not do iniquity, nor speak lies; neither shall a deceitful tongue be found in their mouth: for they shall feed and lie down, and none shall make *them* afraid.

¹⁴ Sing, O daughter of Zion; shout, O Israel; be glad and rejoice with all the heart, O daughter of Jeru-

salem. ¹⁵ The LORD hath taken away thy judgments, he hath cast out thine enemy: the king of Israel, *even* the LORD, *is* in the midst of thee: thou shalt not see evil any more.

- ¹⁶ In that day it shall be said to Jerusalem, Fear thou not: *and* to Zion, Let not thine hands be *slack. ¹⁷ The LORD thy God in the midst Or, faint. of thee *is* mighty; he will save, he will rejoice over thee with joy; *he will rest in his Heb. he will be silent. love, he will joy over thee with singing. ¹⁸ I will gather *them that are* sorrowful for the solemn assembly, *who* are of thee, *to whom* *the Heb. the burden upon it was reproach. reproach of it *was* a burden. ¹⁹ Behold, at that time I will undo all that afflict thee: and I will save her that halteth, and gather her that was driven out; and *I will get them praise Heb. I will set them for a praise. and fame in every land *where they have Heb. of their shame. been put to shame. ²⁰ At that time will I bring you *again*, even in the time that I gather you: for I will make you a name and a praise among all people of the earth, when I turn back your captivity before your eyes, saith the LORD.

H A G G A I.

I. IN the second year of Darius the king, in the sixth month, in the first day of the month, came the word of the LORD *by Haggai the prophet ^{Heb. by the hand of Haggai.} unto Zerubbabel the son of Shealtiel, *governor ^{Or, captain.} of Judah, and to Joshua the son of Josedech, the high priest, saying,

² Thus speaketh the LORD of hosts, saying, This people say, The time is not come, the time that the LORD's house should be built.

³ Then came the word of the LORD by Haggai the prophet, saying,

⁴ *Is it* time for you, O ye, to dwell in your cieled houses, and this house *lie* waste?

⁵ Now therefore thus saith the LORD of hosts; *Consider your ways. ⁶ Ye have sown much, ^{Heb. Set your heart on your ways.} and bring in little; ye eat, but ye have not enough; ye drink, but ye are not filled with drink; ye clothe you, but there is none warm; and he that earneth wages earneth wages *to put it* into a bag *with holes. ^{Heb. pierced through.}

⁷ Thus saith the LORD of hosts; Consider your ways.

⁸ Go up to the mountain, and bring wood, and build the house; and I will take pleasure in it, and I will be glorified, saith the LORD. ⁹ Ye looked

for much, and, lo, *it came* to little; and when ye brought *it* home, I did *blow upon it. Why? ^{Or, *blow it away.*} saith the LORD of hosts. Because of mine house that *is* waste, and ye run every man unto his own house. ¹⁰ Therefore the heaven over you is stayed from dew, and the earth is stayed *from* her fruit. ¹¹ And I called for a drought upon the land, and upon the mountains, and upon the corn, and upon the new wine, and upon the oil, and upon *that* which the ground bringeth forth, and upon men, and upon cattle, and upon all the labour of the hands.

¹² Then Zerubbabel the son of Shealtiel, and Joshua the son of Josedech, the high priest, with all the remnant of the people, obeyed the voice of the LORD their God, and the words of Haggai the prophet, as the LORD their God had sent him, and the people did fear before the LORD.

¹³ Then spake Haggai the LORD's messenger in the LORD's message unto the people, saying, *I am* with you, saith the LORD.

¹⁴ And the LORD stirred up the spirit of Zerubbabel the son of Shealtiel, governor of Judah, and the spirit of Joshua the son of Josedech, the high priest, and the spirit of all the remnant of the people; and they came and did work in the house of the LORD of hosts, their God, ¹⁵ in the four and twentieth day of the sixth month, in the second year of Darius the king.

II. In the seventh *month*, in the one and twentieth *day* of the month, came the word of the LORD *by the prophet Haggai, saying, ² Speak now to Zerub- ^{Heb. by the hand of.} babel the son of Shealtiel, governor of Judah, and to Joshua the son of Josedech, the high priest, and to the residue of the people, saying,

⁵ Who *is* left among you that saw this house in her first glory? and how do ye see it now? *is it* not in your eyes in comparison of it as nothing? ⁴ yet now be strong, O Zerubbabel, saith the LORD; and be strong, O Joshua, son of Josedech, the high priest; and be strong, all ye people of the land, saith the LORD, and work: for I *am* with you, saith the LORD of hosts: ⁵ *according to* the word that I covenanted with you when ye came out of Egypt, so my spirit remaineth among you: fear ye not.

⁶ For thus saith the LORD of hosts; Yet once, it *is* a little while, and I will shake the heavens, and the earth, and the sea, and the dry *land*; ⁷ and I will shake all nations, and the desire of all nations shall come: and I will fill this house with glory, saith the LORD of hosts. ⁸ The *silver is* mine, and the gold *is* mine, saith the LORD of hosts. ⁹ The glory of this latter house shall be greater than of the former, saith the LORD of hosts: and in this place will I give peace, saith the LORD of hosts.

¹⁰ In the four and twentieth *day* of the ninth *month*, in the second year of Darius, came the word of the LORD by Haggai the prophet, saying, ¹¹ Thus saith the LORD of hosts; Ask now the priests *concerning* the law, saying, ¹² If one bear holy flesh in the skirt of his garment, and with his skirt do touch bread, or pottage, or wine, or oil, or any meat, shall it be holy? And the priests answered and said, No. ¹³ Then said Haggai, If *one that is* unclean by a dead body touch any of these, shall it be unclean? And the priests answered and said, It shall be unclean. ¹⁴ Then answered Haggai, and said,

So *is* this people, and so *is* this nation before me, saith the LORD; and so *is* every work of their hands; and that which they offer there *is* unclean. ¹⁵ And now, I pray you, consider from this day and upward, from before a stone was laid upon a stone in the temple of the LORD: ¹⁶ since those *days* were, when *one* came to an heap of twenty *measures*, there were *but* ten; when *one* came to the pressfat for to draw out fifty *vessels* out of the press, there were *but* twenty. ¹⁷ I smote you with blasting and with mildew and with hail in all the labours of your hands; yet ye *turned* not to me, saith the LORD.

¹⁸ Consider now from this day and upward, from the four and twentieth day of the ninth *month*, *even* from the day that the foundation of the LORD's temple was laid, consider *it*. ¹⁹ Is the seed yet in the barn? yea, as yet the vine, and the fig tree, and the pomegranate, and the olive tree, hath not brought forth: from this day will I bless *you*.

²⁰ And again the word of the LORD came unto Haggai, in the four and twentieth *day* of the month, saying, ²¹ Speak to Zerubbabel, governor of Judah, saying,

will shake the heavens and the earth; ²² and I will overthrow the throne of kingdoms, and I will destroy the strength of the kingdoms of the heathen; and I will overthrow the chariots, and those that ride in them; and the horses and their riders shall come down, every one by the sword of his brother. ²³ In that day, saith the LORD of hosts, will I take thee, O Zerubbabel, my servant, the son of Shealtiel, saith the LORD, and will make thee as a signet: for I have chosen thee, saith the LORD of hosts.

Z E C H A R I A H.



I. IN the eighth month, in the second year of Darius, came the word of the LORD unto Zechariah, the son of Berechiah, the son of Iddo the prophet, saying,

² The LORD hath been *sore displeased with ^{Heb. with displeasure.} your fathers. ³ Therefore say thou unto them, Thus saith the LORD of hosts: Turn ye unto me, saith the LORD of hosts, and I will turn unto you, saith the LORD of hosts. ⁴ Be ye not as your fathers, unto whom the former prophets have cried, saying, Thus saith the LORD of hosts; Turn ye now from your evil ways, and *from* your evil doings: but they did not hear, nor hearken unto me, saith the LORD.

⁵ Your fathers, where *are* they? and the prophets, do they live for ever? ⁶ But my words and my statutes, which I commanded my servants the prophets, did they not *take hold of your ^{Or, overtake.} fathers? and they returned and said, Like as the LORD of hosts thought to do unto us, according to our ways, and according to our doings, so hath he dealt with us.

⁷ Upon the four and twentieth day of the eleventh month, which is the month Sebat, in the second year of Darius, came the word of the LORD unto Zechariah, the son of Berechiah, the son of Iddo the prophet, saying,

⁸ I saw by night, and behold a man riding upon a red horse, and he stood among the myrtle trees that *were* in the bottom; and behind him *were there* red horses, *speckled, and white. ⁹ Then said I, O *or, bay.* my lord, what *are* these? And the angel that talked with me said unto me, I will shew thee what these *be*. ¹⁰ And the man that stood among the myrtle trees answered and said, These *are they* whom the LORD hath sent to walk to and fro through the earth. ¹¹ And they answered the angel of the LORD that stood among the myrtle trees, and said, We have walked to and fro through the earth, and, behold, all the earth sitteth still, and is at rest.

¹² Then the angel of the LORD answered and said, O LORD of hosts, how long wilt thou not have mercy on Jerusalem and on the cities of Judah, against which thou hast had indignation these threescore and ten years? ¹³ And the LORD answered the angel that talked with me *with* good words *and* comfortable words.

¹⁴ So the angel that communed with me said unto me, Cry thou, saying,

Thus saith the LORD of hosts; I am jealous for Jerusalem and for Zion with a great jealousy. ¹⁵ And I am very sore displeased with the heathen *that are* at ease: for I was but a little displeased, and they helped forward the affliction. ¹⁶ Therefore thus saith the LORD; I am returned to Jerusalem with mercies: my house shall be built in it, saith the LORD of hosts, and a line shall be stretched forth

upon Jerusalem. ¹⁷ Cry yet, saying, Thus saith the LORD of hosts; My cities through *pros- Heb. good. perity shall yet be spread abroad; and the LORD shall yet comfort Zion, and shall yet choose Jerusalem.

¹⁸ Then lifted I up mine eyes, and saw, and behold four horns. ¹⁹ And I said unto the angel that talked with me, What *be* these? And he answered me, These *are* the horns which have scattered Judah, Israel, and Jerusalem.

²⁰ And the LORD shewed me four carpenters. ²¹ Then said I, What come these to do? And he spake, saying, These *are* the horns which have scattered Judah, so that no man did lift up his head: but these are come to fray them, to cast out the horns of the Gentiles, which lifted up *their* horn over the land of Judah to scatter it.

II. I lifted up mine eyes again, and looked, and behold a man with a measuring line in his hand. ² Then said I, Whither goest thou? And he said unto me, To measure Jerusalem, to see what *is* the breadth thereof, and what *is* the length thereof.

³ And, behold, the angel that talked with me went forth, and another angel went out to meet him, ⁴ and said unto him, Run, speak to this young man, saying, Jerusalem shall be inhabited *as* towns without walls for the multitude of men and cattle therein: ⁵ for I, saith the LORD, will be unto her a wall of fire round about, and will be the glory in the midst of her.

⁶ Ho, ho, *come forth*, and flee from the land of the north, saith the LORD: for I have spread you abroad as the four winds of the heaven, saith the LORD. ⁷ Deliver thyself, O Zion, that dwellest *with*

the daughter of Babylon. ⁸For thus saith the LORD of hosts; After the glory hath he sent me unto the nations which spoiled you: for he that toucheth you toucheth the apple of his eye. ⁹For, behold, I will shake mine hand upon them, and they shall be a spoil to their servants: and ye shall know that the LORD of hosts hath sent me.

¹⁰Sing and rejoice, O daughter of Zion: for, lo, I come, and I will dwell in the midst of thee, saith the LORD. ¹¹And many nations shall be joined to the LORD in that day, and shall be my people: and I will dwell in the midst of thee, and thou shalt know that the LORD of hosts hath sent me unto thee. ¹²And the LORD shall inherit Judah his portion in the holy land, and shall choose Jerusalem again. ¹³Be silent, O all flesh, before the LORD: for he is raised up out of ^{Heb. the habitation of his holiness.} his holy habitation.

III. AND he shewed me Joshua the high priest standing before the angel of the LORD, and ^{*}Satan standing at his right hand ^{*}to resist him. That is, an adversary. Heb. to be his adversary.

²And the LORD said unto Satan, The LORD rebuke thee, O Satan; even the LORD that hath chosen Jerusalem rebuke thee: *is not this a brand plucked out of the fire?*

³Now Joshua was clothed with filthy garments, and stood before the angel. ⁴And he answered and spake unto those that stood before him, saying, Take away the filthy garments from him. And unto him he said, Behold, I have caused thine iniquity to pass from thee, and I will clothe thee with change of raiment. ⁵And I said, Let them set a fair mitre upon his head. So they set a fair mitre upon his head, and clothed him with garments. And the angel of the LORD stood by.

⁶ And the angel of the LORD protested unto Joshua, saying, ⁷ Thus saith the LORD of hosts ;

If thou wilt walk in my ways, and if thou wilt keep my ^{*}charge, then thou shalt also judge Or, ordinance. my house, and shalt also keep my courts, and I will give thee ^{*}places to walk among these Heb. walks. that stand by. ⁸ Hear now, O Joshua the high priest, thou, and thy fellows that sit before thee: for they *are* ^{*}men wondered at: for, Heb. men of wonder, or, sign. behold, I will bring forth my servant the BRANCH. ⁹ For behold the stone that I have laid before Joshua ; upon one stone *shall be* seven eyes: behold, I will engrave the graving thereof, saith the LORD of hosts, and I will remove the iniquity of that land in one day. ¹⁰ In that day, saith the LORD of hosts, shall ye call every man his neighbour under the vine and under the fig tree.

IV. And the angel that talked with me came again, and waked me, as a man that is wakened out of his sleep, ² and said unto me, What seest thou? And I said, I have looked, and behold a candlestick all *of* gold, ^{*}with a bowl upon the top of it, and his seven Heb. with her bowl. lamps thereon, and ^{*}seven pipes to the Or, seven several pipes to the lamps, &c. seven lamps, which *are* upon the top thereof: ³ and two olive trees by it, one upon the right *side* of the bowl, and the other upon the left *side* thereof.

⁴ So I answered and spake to the angel that talked with me, saying, What *are* these, my lord? ⁵ Then the angel that talked with me answered and said unto me, Knowest thou not what these be? And I said, No, my lord. ⁶ Then he answered and spake unto me, saying, This *is* the word of the LORD unto Zerubabel, saying,

Not by ^{*}might, nor by power, but by my Spirit, Or, army.

saith the LORD of hosts. ⁷ Who *art* thou, O great mountain? before Zerubbabel *thou shalt become* a plain: and he shall bring forth the headstone *thereof with shoutings, crying, Grace, grace unto it.*

⁸ Moreover the word of the LORD came unto me, saying, ⁹ The hands of Zerubbabel have laid the foundation of this house; his hands shall also finish it; and thou shalt know that the LORD of hosts hath sent me unto you. ¹⁰ For who hath despised the day of small things? ^{*}for they shall rejoice, Or, since the seven eyes of the LORD shall rejoice. and shall see the ^{*}plummet in the hand of Ze- Heb. stone of tin. rubbabel *with* those seven; they *are* the eyes of the LORD, which run to and fro through the whole earth.

¹¹ Then answered I, and said unto him, What *are* these two olive trees upon the right *side* of the candlestick and upon the left *side* thereof? ¹² And I answered again, and said unto him, What *be* these two olive branches which ^{*}through the two golden pipes Heb. by the hand. ^{*}empty ^{*}the golden *oil* out of them- Or, empty out of themselves oil into the gold. Heb. the gold. selves? ¹³ And he answered me and said, Knowest thou not what these *be*? And I said, No, my lord. ¹⁴ Then said he, These *are* the two ^{*}anointed Heb. sons of oil. ones, that stand by the Lord of the whole earth.

V. Then I turned, and lifted up mine eyes, and looked, and behold a flying roll. ² And he said unto me, What seest thou? And I answered, I see a flying roll; the length thereof *is* twenty cubits, and the breadth thereof ten cubits.

³ Then said he unto me, This *is* the curse that goeth forth over the face of the whole earth: for ^{*}every one that stealeth shall be cut off *as* on this side according to it: and every one that sweareth shall be cut off *as* on that side according to it. Or, every one of this people that stealeth holdeth himself guiltless, as it doth.

⁴ I will bring it forth, saith the LORD of hosts, and it shall enter into the house of the thief, and into the house of him that sweareth falsely by my name: and it shall remain in the midst of his house, and shall consume it with the timber thereof and the stones thereof.

⁵ Then the angel that talked with me went forth, and said unto me, Lift up now thine eyes, and see what *is* this that goeth forth. ⁶ And I said, What *is* it? And he said, This *is* an ephah that goeth forth. He said moreover, This *is* their resemblance through all the earth. ⁷ And, behold, there was lifted up a *talent of lead; and this *is* a woman that ^{Or, weighty piece.} sitteth in the midst of the ephah. ⁸ And he said, This *is* wickedness. And he cast it into the midst of the ephah; and he cast the weight of lead upon the mouth thereof.

⁹ Then lifted I up mine eyes, and looked, and, behold, there came out two women, and the wind *was* in their wings; for they had wings like the wings of a stork: and they lifted up the ephah between the earth and the heaven. ¹⁰ Then said I to the angel that talked with me, Whither do these bear the ephah? ¹¹ And he said unto me, To build it an house in the land of Shinar: and it shall be established, and set there upon her own base.

VI. And I turned, and lifted up mine eyes, and looked, and, behold, there came four chariots out from between two mountains; and the mountains *were* mountains of brass. ² In the first chariot *were* red horses; and in the second chariot black horses; ³ and in the third chariot white horses; and in the fourth chariot grised and *bay horses. ⁴ Then ^{Or, strong.} I answered and said unto the angel that talked with me, What *are* these, my lord?

⁵ And the angel answered and said unto me, These *are* the four ^{*}spirits of the heavens, which go ^{Or, winds.} forth from standing before the LORD of all the earth.

⁶ The black horses which *are* therein go forth into the north country; and the white go forth after them; and the grisled go forth towards the south country. ⁷ And the bay went forth, and sought to go that they might walk to and fro through the earth: and he said, Get you hence, walk to and fro through the earth. So they walked to and fro through the earth.

⁸ Then cried he upon me, and spake unto me, saying, Behold, these that go toward the north country have quieted my spirit in the north country.

⁹ And the word of the LORD came unto me, saying, ¹⁰ Take of *them of* the captivity, *even* of Heldai, of Tobijah, and of Jedaiah, which are come from Babylon, and come thou the same day, and go into the house of Josiah the son of Zephaniah; ¹¹ then take silver and gold, and make crowns, and set *them* upon the head of Joshua the son of Josedech, the high priest; ¹² and speak unto him, saying, Thus speaketh the LORD of hosts, saying,

Behold the man whose name *is* The BRANCH; and he shall ^{*}grow up out of his place, and ^{Or, branch up from under him.} he shall build the temple of the LORD: ¹³ even he shall build the temple of the LORD; and he shall bear the glory, and shall sit and rule upon his throne; and he shall be a priest upon his throne: and the counsel of peace shall be between them both.

¹⁴ And the crowns shall be to Helem, and to Tobijah, and to Jedaiah, and to Hen the son of Zephaniah, for a memorial in the temple of the LORD. ¹⁵ And they

that are far off shall come and build in the temple of the LORD, and ye shall know that the LORD of hosts hath sent me unto you. And this shall come to pass, if ye will diligently obey the voice of the LORD your God.

VII. And it came to pass in the fourth year of king Darius, *that* the word of the LORD came unto Zechariah in the fourth *day* of the ninth month, *even* in Chisleu; ²when they had sent unto the house of God Sherezzer and Regem-melech, and their men, ³*to pray before the LORD, *and* to speak Heb. to intreat the face of the LORD. unto the priests which *were* in the house of the LORD of hosts, and to the prophets, saying, Should I weep in the fifth month, separating myself, as I have done these so many years?

⁴Then came the word of the LORD of hosts unto me, saying, ⁵Speak unto all the people of the land, and to the priests, saying, When ye fasted and mourned in the fifth and seventh *month*, even those seventy years, did ye at all fast unto me, *even* to me? ⁶And when ye did eat, and when ye did drink, *did Or, be not ye they that, &c. not ye eat *for yourselves*, and drink *for yourselves*? ⁷*Should ye not hear the words which the Or, Are not these the words. LORD hath cried *by the former prophets, Heb. by the hand of, &c. when Jerusalem was inhabited and in prosperity, and the cities thereof round about her, when *men* inhabited the south and the plain?

⁸And the word of the LORD came unto Zechariah, saying, ⁹Thus speaketh the LORD of hosts, saying,

*Execute true judgment, and shew mercy Heb. Judge judgment of truth. and compassions every man to his brother: ¹⁰and oppress not the widow, nor the fatherless, the stranger, nor the poor; and let none of you imagine evil against his brother in your heart.

- ¹¹ But they refused to hearken, and *pulled ^{Heb. they gave a back-sliding shoulder.} away the shoulder, and *stopped their ^{Heb. made heavy.} ears, that they should not hear. ¹² Yea, they made their hearts *as* an adamant stone, lest they should hear the law, and the words which the LORD of hosts hath sent in his Spirit *by the former ^{Heb. by the hand of.} prophets: therefore came a great wrath from the LORD of hosts. ¹³ Therefore it is come to pass, *that* as he cried, and they would not hear; so they cried, and I would not hear, saith the LORD of hosts: ¹⁴ but I scattered them with a whirlwind among all the nations whom they knew not. Thus the land was desolate after them, that no man passed through nor returned: for they laid the *pleasant land desolate. ^{Heb. land of desire.}

VIII. Again the word of the LORD of hosts came *to me*, saying,

- ² Thus saith the LORD of hosts; I was jealous for Zion with great jealousy, and I was jealous for her with great fury.
- ³ Thus saith the LORD; I am returned unto Zion, and will dwell in the midst of Jerusalem: and Jerusalem shall be called a city of truth; and the mountain of the LORD of hosts the holy mountain.
- ⁴ Thus saith the LORD of hosts; There shall yet old men and old women dwell in the streets of Jerusalem, and every man with his staff in his hand *for very age. ⁵ And the streets of ^{Heb. for multitude of days.} the city shall be full of boys and girls playing in the streets thereof.
- ⁶ Thus saith the LORD of hosts; If it be *mar- ^{Or, hard, or, difficult.} vellous in the eyes of the remnant of this people in these days, should it also be marvellous in mine eyes? saith the LORD of hosts. ⁷ Thus saith the

LORD of hosts ; Behold, I will save my people from the east country, and from *the Heb. the country of the going down of the sun. west country ; ⁸and I will bring them, and they shall dwell in the midst of Jerusalem : and they shall be my people, and I will be their God, in truth and in righteousness.

⁹ Thus saith the LORD of hosts ; Let your hands be strong, ye that hear in these days these words by the mouth of the prophets, which *were* in the day *that* the foundation of the house of the LORD of hosts was laid, that the temple might be built.

¹⁰ For before these days *there was no Or, the hire of man became nothing, &c. hire for man, nor any hire for beast ; neither *was there any* peace to him that went out or came in because of the affliction : for I set all men every one against his neighbour. ¹¹ But now I *will not be* unto the residue of this people as in the former days, saith the LORD of hosts. ¹² For the seed *shall be* *prosperous ; the vine shall give Heb. of peace. her fruit, and the ground shall give her increase, and the heavens shall give their dew ; and I will cause the remnant of this people to possess all these *things*. ¹³ And it shall come to pass, *that* as ye were a curse among the heathen, O house of Judah, and house of Israel ; so will I save you, and ye shall be a blessing : fear not, *but* let your hands be strong.

¹⁴ For thus saith the LORD of hosts ; As I thought to punish you, when your fathers provoked me to wrath, saith the LORD of hosts, and I repented not : ¹⁵ so again have I thought in these days to do well unto Jerusalem and to the house of Judah : fear ye not. ¹⁶ These *are* the things that ye shall do ; Speak ye every man the truth to his neighbour : *execute the judgment of Heb. judge truth, and the judgment of peace.

truth and peace in your gates: ¹⁷and let none of you imagine evil in your hearts against his neighbour; and love no false oath: for all these *are things* that I hate, saith the LORD.

¹⁸And the word of the LORD of hosts came unto me, saying,

¹⁹Thus saith the LORD of hosts; The fast of the fourth *month*, and the fast of the fifth, and the fast of the seventh, and the fast of the tenth, shall be to the house of Judah joy and gladness, and cheerful *feasts; therefore love the truth and peace. Or, solemn, or, set times.

²⁰Thus saith the LORD of hosts; *It shall yet come to pass*, that there shall come people, and the inhabitants of many cities: ²¹and the inhabitants of one *city* shall go to another, saying, Let us go *speedily *to pray before the LORD, and to ^{Or, continually.} ^{Heb. going.} seek the LORD of hosts: I will go also. ^{Heb. to intreat the face of the LORD.}

²²Yea, many people and strong nations shall come to seek the LORD of hosts in Jerusalem, and to pray before the LORD.

²³Thus saith the LORD of hosts; In those days *it shall come to pass*, that ten men shall take hold out of all languages of the nations, even shall take hold of the skirt of him that is a Jew, saying, We will go with you: for we have heard *that God is with you*.

IX. THE burden of the word of the LORD in the land of Hadrach, and Damascus *shall be* the rest thereof: when the eyes of man, as of all the tribes of Israel, *shall be toward the LORD*.

²And Hamath also shall border thereby; Tyrus and Zidon, though it be very wise. ³And Tyrus did build herself a strong hold, and heaped up silver as the dust, and fine gold as the mire of the streets.

⁴Behold, the LORD will cast her out, and he will smite

her power in the sea; and she shall be devoured with fire. ⁵ Ashkelon shall see *it*, and fear; Gaza also *shall see it*, and be very sorrowful, and Ekron; for her expectation shall be ashamed; and the king shall perish from Gaza, and Ashkelon shall not be inhabited. ⁶ And a bastard shall dwell in Ashdod, and I will cut off the pride of the Philistines. ⁷ And I will take away his *blood Heb. *bloods*. out of his mouth, and his abominations from between his teeth: but he that remaineth, even he, *shall be* for our God, and he shall be as a governor in Judah, and Ekron as a Jebusite.

⁸ And I will encamp about mine house because of the army, because of him that passeth by, and because of him that returneth: and no oppressor shall pass through them any more: for now have I seen with mine eyes.

⁹ Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion; shout, O daughter of Jerusalem: behold, thy king cometh unto thee: he *is* just, and *having salvation; Or, *saving himself*. lowly, and riding upon an ass, and upon a colt the foal of an ass. ¹⁰ And I will cut off the chariot from Ephraim, and the horse from Jerusalem, and the battle bow shall be cut off: and he shall speak peace unto the heathen: and his dominion *shall be* from sea *even* to sea, and from the river *even* to the ends of the earth.

¹¹ As for thee also, *by the blood of thy Or, *whose covenant is by blood*. covenant I have sent forth thy prisoners out of the pit wherein *is* no water. ¹² Turn you to the strong hold, ye prisoners of hope: even to day do I declare *that* I will render double unto thee; ¹³ when I have bent Judah for me, filled the bow with Ephraim, and raised up thy sons, O Zion, against thy sons, O Greece, and made thee as the

sword of a mighty man. ¹⁴And the LORD shall be seen over them, and his arrow shall go forth as the lightning: and the Lord God shall blow the trumpet, and shall go with whirlwinds of the south. ¹⁵The LORD of hosts shall defend them; and they shall devour, and *subdue Or, subdue the stones of the sling. with sling stones; and they shall drink, *and* make a noise as through wine; and they *shall Or, shall fill both the bowls, &c. be filled like bowls, *and* as the corners of the altar.

¹⁶And the LORD their God shall save them in that day as the flock of his people: for *they shall be as* the stones of the crown, lifted up as an ensign upon his land. ¹⁷For how great *is* his goodness, and how great *is* his beauty! corn shall make the young men *cheerful, and new wine the maids. Or, grow, or, speak.

X. Ask ye of the LORD rain in the time of the latter rain; so the LORD shall make *bright Or, lightnings. clouds, and give them showers of rain, to every one grass in the field. ²For the *idols Heb. teraphims. have spoken vanity, and the diviners have seen a lie, and have told false dreams; they comfort in vain: therefore they went their way as a flock, they *were troubled, because *there was* Or, answered that, &c. no shepherd. ³Mine anger was kindled against the shepherds, and I *punished the goats: Heb. visited upon. for the LORD of hosts hath visited his flock the house of Judah, and hath made them as his goodly horse in the battle. ⁴Out of him came forth the corner, out of him the nail, out of him the battle bow, out of him every oppressor together. ⁵And they shall be as mighty *men*, which tread down *their enemies* in the mire of the streets in the battle: and they shall fight, because the LORD *is* with them, and *the riders on horses Or, they shall make the riders on horses ashamed. shall be confounded.

⁶ And I will strengthen the house of Judah, and I will save the house of Joseph, and I will bring them again to place them; for I have mercy upon them: and they shall be as though I had not cast them off: for I *am* the LORD their God, and will hear them. ⁷ And *they of* Ephraim shall be like a mighty *man*, and their heart shall rejoice as through wine: yea, their children shall see *it*, and be glad; their heart shall rejoice in the LORD. ⁸ I will hiss for them, and gather them; for I have redeemed them: and they shall increase as they have increased.

⁹ And I will sow them among the people: and they shall remember me in far countries; and they shall live with their children, and turn again. ¹⁰ I will bring them again also out of the land of Egypt, and gather them out of Assyria; and I will bring them into the land of Gilead and Lebanon; and *place* shall not be found for them. ¹¹ And he shall pass through the sea with affliction, and shall smite the waves in the sea, and all the deeps of the river shall dry up: and the pride of Assyria shall be brought down, and the sceptre of Egypt shall depart away. ¹² And I will strengthen them in the LORD; and they shall walk up and down in his name, saith the LORD.

XI. OPEN thy doors, O Lebanon, that the fire may devour thy cedars. ² Howl, fir tree; for the cedar is fallen; because the ^{*}mighty are spoiled: Or, *gallants*. howl, O ye oaks of Bashan; for ^{*}the ^{Or, the defenced forest.} forest of the vintage is come down. ³ *There is* a voice of the howling of the shepherds; for their glory is spoiled: a voice of the roaring of young lions; for the pride of Jordan is spoiled.

⁴ Thus saith the LORD my God; Feed the flock of the

slaughter; ⁵whose possessors slay them, and hold themselves not guilty: and they that sell them say, Blessed *be* the LORD; for I am rich: and their own shepherds pity them not. ⁶For I will no more pity the inhabitants of the land, saith the LORD: but, lo, I will *deliver the men ^{Heb. make to be found.} every one into his neighbour's hand, and into the hand of his king: and they shall smite the land, and out of their hand I will not deliver *them*.

⁷And I will feed the flock of slaughter, *even ^{Or, verily the poor.} you, O poor of the flock. And I took unto me two staves; the one I called Beauty, and the other I called *Bands; and I fed the flock. ⁸Three shep- ^{Or, Binders.} herds also I cut off in one month; and my soul *loathed them, and their soul also abhorred ^{Heb. was straitened for them.} me. ⁹Then said I,

I will not feed you: that that dieth, let it die; and that that is to be cut off, let it be cut off; and let the rest eat every one the flesh *of ^{Heb. of his fellow, or, neighbour.} another.

¹⁰And I took my staff, *even* Beauty, and cut it asunder, that I might break my covenant which I had made with all the people. ¹¹And it was broken in that day: and *so the poor of the flock that ^{Or, the poor of the flock, &c., certainly knew.} waited upon me knew that it *was* the word of the LORD. ¹²And I said unto them, *If ye think ^{Heb. If it be good in your eyes.} good, give *me* my price; and if not, forbear. So they weighed for my price thirty *pieces* of silver. ¹³And the LORD said unto me, Cast it unto the potter: a goodly price that I was prised at of them. And I took the thirty *pieces* of silver, and cast them to the potter in the house of the LORD.

¹⁴Then I cut asunder mine other staff, *even* *Bands, that I might break the brotherhood between ^{Or, Binders.}

Judah and Israel. ¹⁵And the LORD said unto me, Take unto thee yet the instruments of a foolish shepherd.

¹⁶For, lo, I will raise up a shepherd in the land, *which* shall not visit those that be *cut off, neither Or, hidden. shall seek the young one, nor heal that that is broken, nor *feed that that standeth still: Or, bear. but he shall eat the flesh of the fat, and tear their claws in pieces. ¹⁷Woe to the idol shepherd that leaveth the flock! the sword *shall be* upon his arm, and upon his right eye: his arm shall be clean dried up, and his right eye shall be utterly darkened.

XII. THE burden of the word of the LORD for Israel, saith the LORD, which stretcheth forth the heavens, and layeth the foundation of the earth, and formeth the spirit of man within him.

²Behold, I will make Jerusalem a cup of *trem- Or, slumber, or, poison. bling unto all the people round about, *when they shall be in the siege both against Or, and also against Judah shall he be Judah *and* against Jerusalem. ³And which shall be in siege against Jerusalem. in that day will I make Jerusalem a burdensome stone for all people: all that burden themselves with it shall be cut in pieces, though all the people of the earth be gathered together against it. ⁴In that day, saith the LORD, I will smite every horse with astonishment, and his rider with madness: and I will open mine eyes upon the house of Judah, and will smite every horse of the people with blindness.

⁵And the governors of Judah shall say in their heart, *The inhabitants of Jerusalem *shall be* Or, There is strength to me and to the inhabitants, &c. my strength in the LORD of hosts their God. ⁶In that day will I make the governors of Judah like an hearth of fire among the wood, and

like a torch of fire in a sheaf; and they shall devour all the people round about, on the right hand and on the left: and Jerusalem shall be inhabited again in her own place, *even* in Jerusalem. ⁷ The LORD also shall save the tents of Judah first, that the glory of the house of David and the glory of the inhabitants of Jerusalem do not magnify *themselves* against Judah.

⁸ In that day shall the LORD defend the inhabitants of Jerusalem; and he that is *feeble among <sup>Or, *abject.*
Heb. *fallen.*</sup> them at that day shall be as David; and the house of David *shall be* as God, as the angel of the LORD before them. ⁹ And it shall come to pass in that day, *that* I will seek to destroy all the nations that come against Jerusalem.

¹⁰ And I will pour upon the house of David, and upon the inhabitants of Jerusalem, the spirit of grace and of supplications: and they shall look upon me whom they have pierced, and they shall mourn for him, as one mourneth for *his* only son, and shall be in bitterness for him, as one that is in bitterness for *his* firstborn.

¹¹ In that day shall there be a great mourning in Jerusalem, as the mourning of Hadadrimmon in the valley of Megiddon. ¹² And the land shall mourn, *every family apart; the family of the <sup>Heb. *families,*
families.</sup> house of David apart, and their wives apart; the family of the house of Nathan apart, and their wives apart; ¹³ the family of the house of Levi apart, and their wives apart; the family *of Shimei <sup>Or, *of*
Simeon.</sup> apart, and their wives apart; ¹⁴ all the families that remain, every family apart, and their wives apart.

XIII. In that day there shall be a fountain opened to the house of David and to the inhabitants of Jeru-

saalem for sin and for *uncleanness. ²And ^{Heb. separation for uncleanness.} it shall come to pass in that day, saith the LORD of hosts, *that* I will cut off the names of the idols out of the land, and they shall no more be remembered: and also I will cause the prophets and the unclean spirit to pass out of the land. ³And it shall come to pass, *that* when any shall yet prophesy, then his father and his mother that begat him shall say unto him, Thou shalt not live; for thou speakest lies in the name of the LORD: and his father and his mother that begat him shall thrust him through when he prophesieth.

⁴And it shall come to pass in that day, *that* the prophets shall be ashamed every one of his vision, when he hath prophesied; neither shall they wear a *rough garment *to deceive: ⁵but he ^{Heb. a garment of hair.} shall say, I *am* no prophet, I *am* an ^{Heb. to lie.} husbandman: for man taught me to keep cattle from my youth. ⁶And *one* shall say unto him, What *are* these wounds in thine hands? Then he shall answer, *Those* with which I was wounded in the house of my friends.

⁷Awake, O sword, against my shepherd, and against the man *that is* my fellow, saith the LORD of hosts: smite the shepherd, and the sheep shall be scattered: and I will turn mine hand upon the little ones. ⁸And it shall come to pass, *that* in all the land, saith the LORD, two parts therein shall be cut off *and* die; but the third shall be left therein. ⁹And I will bring the third part through the fire, and will refine them as silver is refined, and will try them as gold is tried: they shall call on my name, and I will hear them: I will say, It *is* my people: and they shall say, The LORD *is* my God.

XIV. BEHOLD, the day of the LORD cometh, and thy spoil shall be divided in the midst of thee. ² For I will gather all nations against Jerusalem to battle; and the city shall be taken, and the houses rifled, and the women ravished; and half of the city shall go forth into captivity, and the residue of the people shall not be cut off from the city.

³ Then shall the LORD go forth, and fight against those nations, as when he fought in the day of battle.

⁴ And his feet shall stand in that day upon the mount of Olives, which *is* before Jerusalem on the east, and the mount of Olives shall cleave in the midst thereof toward the east and toward the west, *and there shall be* a very great valley; and half of the mountain shall remove toward the north, and half of it toward the south. ⁵ And ye

shall flee *to* the valley of ^{*}the mountains; Or, my mountains.

^{*}for the valley of the mountains shall Or, when he shall touch the valley of the mountains to the place he separated. reach unto Azal: yea, ye shall flee,

like as ye fled from before the earthquake in the days of Uzziah king of Judah: and the LORD my God shall come, *and* all the saints with thee.

⁶ And it shall come to pass in that day, ^{*}*that* the light shall not be ^{*}clear, *nor* ^{*}dark: i. e. it shall not be clear in some places, and dark in other places of the world.

⁷ but ^{*}it shall be one day which Heb. precious. shall be known to the LORD, not Heb. thickness. day, nor night: but it shall come to pass, *that* at evening time it shall be light. Or, the day shall be one.

⁸ And it shall be in that day, *that* living waters shall go out from Jerusalem; half of them toward the ^{*}for- Or, eastern. mer sea, and half of them toward the hinder sea: in summer and in winter shall it be. ⁹ And the LORD shall be king over all the earth: in that day shall there be one LORD, and his name one.

- ¹⁰ All the land shall be *turned as a plain from Or, *com-passed.* Geba to Rimmon south of Jerusalem: and it shall be lifted up, and *inhabited in her place, Or, *shall abide.* from Benjamin's gate unto the place of the first gate, unto the corner gate, and *from* the tower of Hananeel unto the king's winepresses. ¹¹ And *men* shall dwell in it, and there shall be no more utter destruction; but Jerusalem *shall be Or, *shall abide.* safely inhabited.
- ¹² And this shall be the plague wherewith the LORD will smite all the people that have fought against Jerusalem; Their flesh shall consume away while they stand upon their feet, and their eyes shall consume away in their holes, and their tongue shall consume away in their mouth.
- ¹³ And it shall come to pass in that day, *that* a great tumult from the LORD shall be among them; and they shall lay hold every one on the hand of his neighbour, and his hand shall rise up against the hand of his neighbour. ¹⁴ And *Judah Or, *thou also, O Judah, shalt.* also shall fight *at Jerusalem; and the Or, *against.* wealth of all the heathen round about shall be gathered together, gold, and silver, and apparel, in great abundance. ¹⁵ And so shall be the plague of the horse, of the mule, of the camel, and of the ass, and of all the beasts that shall be in these tents, as this plague.
- ¹⁶ And it shall come to pass, *that* every one that is left of all the nations which came against Jerusalem shall even go up from year to year to worship the King, the LORD of hosts, and to keep the feast of tabernacles. ¹⁷ And it shall be, *that* whoso will not come up of *all* the families of the earth unto Jerusalem to worship the King, the LORD of hosts, even upon them shall be no rain. ¹⁸ And if the

family of Egypt go not up, and come not, *that *have no rain*; there shall be the plague, ^{Heb. upon whom there is not.} wherewith the LORD will smite the heathen that come not up to keep the feast of tabernacles.
¹⁹ This shall be the *punishment of Egypt, or, *sin.* and the punishment of all nations that come not up to keep the feast of tabernacles.

²⁰ In that day shall there be upon the *bells of *Or, bridles.* the horses, HOLINESS UNTO THE LORD; and the pots in the LORD's house shall be like the bowls before the altar. ²¹ Yea, every pot in Jerusalem and in Judah shall be holiness unto the LORD of hosts: and all they that sacrifice shall come and take of them, and seethe therein: and in that day there shall be no more the Canaanite in the house of the LORD of hosts.

M A L A C H I.



I. THE burden of the word of the LORD to Israel
*by Malachi. Heb. by the hand of Malachi.

² I have loved you, saith the LORD. Yet ye say, Wherein hast thou loved us? *Was* not Esau Jacob's brother? saith the LORD: yet I loved Jacob, ³ and I hated Esau, and laid his mountains and his heritage waste for the dragons of the wilderness. ⁴ Whereas Edom saith, We are impoverished, but we will return and build the desolate places; thus saith the LORD of hosts, They shall build, but I will throw down; and they shall call them, The border of wickedness, and, The people against whom the LORD hath indignation for ever. ⁵ And your eyes shall see, and ye shall say, The LORD will be magnified *from the border of Israel. Or, upon. Heb. from upon.

⁶ A son honoureth *his* father, and a servant his master: if then I *be* a father, where *is* mine honour? and if I *be* a master, where *is* my fear? saith the LORD of hosts unto you, O priests, that despise my name. And ye say, Wherein have we despised thy name?

⁷ *Ye offer polluted bread upon mine altar; Or, Bring unto, &c. and ye say, Wherein have we polluted thee? In that ye say, The table of the LORD *is* contemptible.

⁸ And if ye offer the blind *for sacrifice, Heb. to sacrifice. *is it* not evil? and if ye offer the lame and sick, *is it* not evil? offer it now unto thy governor;

will he be pleased with thee, or accept thy person? saith the LORD of hosts.

⁹ And now, I pray you, beseech *God that he ^{Heb. the face of God.} will be gracious unto us: this hath been *by ^{Heb. from your hand.} your means: will he regard your persons? saith the LORD of hosts.

¹⁰ Who *is there* even among you that would shut the doors *for nought*? neither do ye kindle *fires* on mine altar for nought. I have no pleasure in you, saith the LORD of hosts, neither will I accept an offering at your hand. ¹¹ For from the rising of the sun even unto the going down of the same my name *shall be* great among the Gentiles; and in every place incense *shall be* offered unto my name, and a pure offering: for my name *shall be* great among the heathen, saith the LORD of hosts.

¹² But ye have profaned it, in that ye say, The table of the LORD *is* polluted; and the fruit thereof, *even* his meat, *is* contemptible. ¹³ Ye said also, Behold, what a weariness *is it*! *and ye have ^{Or, whereas ye might have blown it away.} snuffed at it, saith the LORD of hosts, and ye brought *that which was* torn, and the lame, and the sick; thus ye brought an offering: should I accept this of your hand? saith the LORD. ¹⁴ But cursed *be* the deceiver, *which hath in his flock a ^{Or, in whose flock is.} male, and voweth, and sacrificeth unto the LORD a corrupt thing: for I *am* a great King, saith the LORD of hosts, and my name *is* dreadful among the heathen.

II. And now, O ye priests, this commandment *is* for you. ² If ye will not hear, and if ye will not lay *it* to heart, to give glory unto my name, saith the LORD of hosts, I will even send a curse upon you, and I will curse your blessings: yea, I have cursed them already, because ye do not lay *it* to

heart. ³ Behold, I will *corrupt your seed, and ^{Or, reprove.} *spread dung upon your faces, ^{Heb. scatter.} *even* the dung of your solemn feasts; and *one shall take ^{Or, it shall take you away to it.} you away with it. ⁴ And ye shall know that I have sent this commandment unto you, that my covenant might be with Levi, saith the LORD of hosts.

⁵ My covenant was with him of life and peace; and I gave them to him *for* the fear wherewith he feared me, and was afraid before my name. ⁶ The law of truth was in his mouth, and iniquity was not found in his lips: he walked with me in peace and equity, and did turn many away from iniquity. ⁷ For the priest's lips should keep knowledge, and they should seek the law at his mouth: for he *is* the messenger of the LORD of hosts.

⁸ But ye are departed out of the way; ye have caused many to *stumble at the law; ye have cor- ^{Or, fall in the law.} rupted the covenant of Levi, saith the LORD of hosts. ⁹ Therefore have I also made you contemptible and base before all the people, according as ye have not kept my ways, but *have ^{Or, lifted up the face against. Heb. accepted faces.} been partial in the law.

¹⁰ Have we not all one father? hath not one God created us? why do we deal treacherously every man against his brother, by profaning the covenant of our fathers? ¹¹ Judah hath dealt treacherously, and an abomination is committed in Israel and in Jerusalem; for Judah hath profaned the holiness of the LORD which he *loved, ^{Or, ought to love.} and hath married the daughter of a strange god. ¹² The LORD will cut off the man that doeth this, *the master and the scholar, out of ^{Or, him that waketh, and him that answereth.} the tabernacles of Jacob, and him that offereth an offering unto the LORD of hosts. ¹³ And this have ye done again, covering the altar of the LORD with

tears, with weeping, and with crying out, inso-much that he regardeth not the offering any more, or receiveth *it* with good will at your hand.

¹⁴ Yet ye say, Wherefore? Because the LORD hath been witness between thee and the wife of thy youth, against whom thou hast dealt treacherously: yet *is* she thy companion, and the wife of thy covenant. ¹⁵ And did not he make one? Yet had he the *residue of the spirit. And where-
 fore one? That he might seek *a godly seed. Or, excellency. Heb. a seed of God. Therefore take heed to your spirit, and let none deal *treacherously against the wife of his youth. ¹⁶ For the LORD, the God of Israel, saith *that he hateth *put-
 ting away: Or, if he hate her put her away. Heb. to put away. for *one* covereth violence with his garment, saith the LORD of hosts: therefore take heed to your spirit, that ye deal not treacherously.

¹⁷ Ye have wearied the LORD with your words. Yet ye say, Wherein have we wearied *him*? When ye say, Every one that doeth evil *is* good in the sight of the LORD, and he delighteth in them; or, Where *is* the God of judgment?

III. BEHOLD, I will send my messenger, and he shall prepare the way before me: and the LORD, whom ye seek, shall suddenly come to his temple, even the messenger of the covenant, whom ye delight in: behold, he shall come, saith the LORD of hosts. ² But who may abide the day of his coming? and who shall stand when he appeareth? for he *is* like a refiner's fire, and like fuller's sope: ³ and he shall sit *as* a refiner and purifier of silver: and he shall purify the sons of Levi, and purge them as gold and silver, that they may offer unto the LORD an offering in righteousness.

⁴ Then shall the offering of Judah and Jerusalem be

pleasant unto the LORD, as in the days of old, and as in *former years. ⁵ And I will come *Or, ancient.* near to you to judgment; and I will be a swift witness against the sorcerers, and against the adulterers, and against false swearers, and against those that *oppress the hireling in *his* wages, the *Or, defraud.* widow and the fatherless, and that turn aside the stranger *from his right*, and fear not me, saith the LORD of hosts. ⁶ For I *am* the LORD, I change not; therefore ye sons of Jacob are not consumed.

⁷ Even from the days of your fathers ye are gone away from mine ordinances, and have not kept *them*. Return unto me, and I will return unto you, saith the LORD of hosts. But ye said, Wherein shall we return?

⁸ Will a man rob God? Yet ye have robbed me. But ye say, Wherein have we robbed thee? In tithes and offerings. ⁹ Ye *are* cursed with a curse; for ye have robbed me, *even* this whole nation.

¹⁰ Bring ye all the tithes into the storehouse, that there may be meat in mine house, and prove me now herewith, saith the LORD of hosts, if I will not open you the windows of heaven, and *pour you out a blessing, that *there shall* not *Heb. empty out.* *be room enough to receive it.* ¹¹ And I will rebuke the devourer for your sakes, and he shall not *destroy the fruits of your ground; neither ^{*Heb. corrupt.*} shall your vine cast her fruit before the time in the field, saith the LORD of hosts. ¹² And all nations shall call you blessed: for ye shall be a delightsome land, saith the LORD of hosts.

¹³ Your words have been stout against me, saith the LORD. Yet ye say, What have we spoken *so much* against thee? ¹⁴ Ye have said, It is vain to serve God: and what profit *is it* that we have

kept *his ordinance, and that we have ^{Heb. his obser-}
 walked *mournfully before the LORD of ^{Heb. in black.}
 hosts? ¹⁵ And now we call the proud happy; yea,
 they that work wickedness *are set up; yea, ^{Heb. are}
they that tempt God are even delivered. ^{built.}

¹⁶ Then they that feared the LORD spake often one to
 another: and the LORD hearkened and heard *it*,
 and a book of remembrance was written before
 him for them that feared the LORD, and that
 thought upon his name. ¹⁷ And they shall be
 mine, saith the LORD of hosts, in that day when
 I make up my *jewels; and I will spare ^{Or, special}
 them, as a man spareth his own son that serveth ^{treasure.}
 him. ¹⁸ Then shall ye return, and discern between
 the righteous and the wicked, between him that
 serveth God and him that serveth him not.

IV. For, behold, the day cometh, that shall burn as
 an oven; and all the proud, yea, and all that do
 wickedly, shall be stubble: and the day that cometh
 shall burn them up, saith the LORD of hosts, that
 it shall leave them neither root nor branch. ² But
 unto you that fear my name shall the Sun of right-
 eousness arise with healing in his wings; and ye
 shall go forth, and grow up as calves of the stall.
³ And ye shall tread down the wicked; for they
 shall be ashes under the soles of your feet in the
 day that I shall do *this*, saith the LORD of hosts.

⁴ Remember ye the law of Moses my servant, which
 I commanded unto him in Horeb for all Israel,
with the statutes and judgments.

⁵ Behold, I will send you Elijah the prophet before the
 coming of the great and dreadful day of the LORD:
⁶ and he shall turn the heart of the fathers to the chil-
 dren, and the heart of the children to their fathers,
 lest I come and smite the earth with a curse.

SYNOPSIS

OF THE

MINOR PROPHETS.

H O S E A.

THE prophet, under the figure of an unfaithful wife, bearing children who follow her example, represents the shameful idolatry of the Israelites, which provoked God to cast them off; though the evil will be hereafter amply repaired, ch. i.; he exhorts them to repent and forsake idolatry, threatening them with captivity and a series of afflictions for their wickedness, ch. ii. 1-13; promises them a future restoration and abundant prosperity, ch. ii. 14-23; and, under the figure of taking back his wife on amendment, he represents the gracious purposes of Jehovah toward them in their conversion and restoration, ch. iii.; he then inveighs against the bloodshed and idolatry of the Israelites, admonishing Judah to beware of their sins, ch. iv.; and denounces the divine judgments against priests, princes, and people, and exhorts them to repentance, ch. v.—vi. 3. His exhortations proving ineffectual, God complains of their obstinate iniquity and idolatry, ch. vi. 4;—vii. 10; declares that they shall be carried captive, notwithstanding their reliance on Egypt, ch. vii. 11;—viii.; and further threatens their captivity and dispersion, ch. ix. x. The prophet reproves them for their idolatry, and promises their return to their own country, ch. xi. He again renews his threatenings on account of their idolatry, and after a terrible denunciation of Divine punishments, mingled with promises of restoration from captivity, ch. xii. xiii., he exhorts them to repentance, furnishes them with supplications adapted to their situation, and foretells their reformation from idolatry, and the subsequent restoration of all the tribes from their dispersion, and their conversion to God, ch. xiv.

J O E L .

THE prophet, in consequence of a dreadful famine caused by locusts and other noxious insects, calls upon both priests and people to repent with prayer and fasting, cries unto God for them, and represents the very beasts as joining in his supplications, ch. i.; he predicts still greater judgments by an army of locusts, earnestly exhorts them to public fasting, prayer, and repentance, promises the removal of these calamities on their repentance, with various other blessings, foretells the effusion of the Holy Spirit, and predicts the destruction of Jerusalem and the Jewish nation, not without promises of safety to the faithful and penitent, ch. ii.; he then predicts the Divine judgments to be executed on the enemies of God's people, and the subsequent peace, prosperity, and purity of Israel, ch. iii.

A M O S .

THE prophet denounces the judgments of God on Syria, ch. i. 3-5, Philistia, 6-8, Tyre, 9-10, Edom, 11-12, and Ammon, 13-15, for their cruelty and oppression of Israel; upon Moab, for his impotent revenge on the dead body of the king of Edom, ch. ii. 1-3; on Judah for his contempt of God's law, 4, 5; and on Israel for idolatry, iniquity, and ingratitude, 6-16; he then expostulates with Israel and Judah, warning them of approaching judgments, ch. iii. 1-8; calls the Philistines and Egyptians to behold the punishment of Samaria and the ten tribes for their sins, 9-15; reproves the Israelites for luxury and oppression, warning them to prepare to meet God, who is about to execute vengeance upon them, ch. iv.; laments over the destruction of Israel, exhorting them to renounce their idols and to seek the Lord, ch. v. 1-15; declares the judgments of God on the scornful, presumptuous, and hypocritical Israelites, whom God sentences to captivity, 16-27; denounces the most terrible calamities on the self-indulgent and self-confident Jews and Israelites, ch. vi.; averts by prayer the judgments of the grasshoppers and fire, ch. vii. 1-6; and shews, by a wall and plumbline, the strict justice of God in Israel's punishment, 7-9. Being accused to Jeroboam by Amaziah the priest, and forbidden to prophesy in Bethel, 10-13; he shews how God called him to prophesy, and predicts the ruin of Amaziah and his family, 14-17. Under a vision of a basket of summer fruit, he shews the speedy ruin of Israel, ch. viii. 1-3; reproves their oppression and injustice, 4-7; shews the complete

ruin of Israel, 8-10; and threatens a famine of the word of God, 11-14; he then declares the certainty of the judgments to be inflicted on Israel, ch. ix. 1-7; though a remnant shall be preserved, 8-10; and predicts the blessings of Messiah's kingdom, and the conversion and restoration of Israel, 11-15.

O B A D I A H.

IN this book he foretells the subjugation and ruin of the Idumeans by the Chaldeans, and finally by the Jews, whom they had used most cruelly, when brought low by other enemies; and he concludes, as almost all the other prophets do, with consolatory promises of restoration and prosperity to the Jews.

J O N A H.

THIS book relates, that Jonah, being commanded to go and prophesy against Nineveh, attempts to flee to Tarshish; but being overtaken by a storm, he is cast into the sea, swallowed by a great fish, and continues in its belly three days, ch. i.; when earnestly praying to God, he is miraculously delivered, ch. ii. At the renewed command of God, he goes to Nineveh, and denounces its destruction; and the Ninevites, excited by the king, believe, fast, pray, and reform themselves, and are graciously spared, ch. iii. Jonah, dreading to be thought a false prophet, repines at the mercy of God, ch. iv. 1-4; leaving the city, he is shadowed by a gourd, which withers; and manifesting great impatience, he is shewn, by his concern about the gourd, the propriety of God's mercy to Nineveh, 5-11.

M I C A H.

HE denounces the Divine judgments against Samaria and Jerusalem for their sins, and laments the terror and distress of the Assyrian invasion under Shalmaneser, ch. i.; reproves the people for their iniquity, avarice, opposition to the prophets, and attachment to false prophets, and foretells the captivity of both nations, ch. ii.; reproves the princes for cruelty, and the prophets for falsehood and selfishness, and vindicates his own prophetic mission, ch. iii.; he then predicts the future triumphs and prosperity of the latter days, when Zion's troubles should end, and her enemies be destroyed, ch. iv.; foretells the birth

and kingdom of the Messiah, and the ruin of all enemies, ch. v. He next inveighs against the iniquities of the people, and then denounces upon them the Divine judgments, ch. vi.; bewails the decrease of godly men and the iniquity of the people, yet encourages himself to trust in God; and predicts the victory of God's people over their insulting foes, and their conversion and restoration to their own land, ch. vii.

N A H U M.

THE prophet first sets forth the justice and power of God, tempered with mercy, ch. i. 1-8; foretells the ruin of the Assyrian king and his army, and the deliverance of the people of God, with their rejoicing on the occasion, ver. 9-15; predicts the siege and taking of Nineveh by the Medes and Babylonians, the ruin of the Assyrian empire, the plundering and destruction of the city, and the extinction of the royal family, for their oppression and cruelty, ch. ii.; denounces a heavy woe against Nineveh for her perfidy and violence, and idolatries, ch. iii. 1-7; shews that the desolation of No-Ammon, in Egypt, may lead her to expect similar destruction, ver. 8-10; and predicts her utter and final ruin, and the inefficacy of all methods to prevent it, ver. 11-19.

H A B A K K U K.

HABAKKUK indignantly complaining of the growth of iniquity among the Jews, ch. i. 1-4, God himself is introduced as denouncing his vengeance to be inflicted upon them by the Chaldeans, ver. 5-11. The prophet humbly expostulates with God for punishing them by the hand of the Chaldeans, ver. 12-17, ch. ii. 1; in answer to which, God shews the certainty of the vision, and denounces the destruction of the Babylonian empire, with the judgments to be inflicted upon the Chaldeans, ch. ii. 2-20. The prophet then implores God to hasten the deliverance of his people, recounting the wonderful deliverances which God had already vouchsafed, ch. iii. 1-15; and deeply affected with the approaching judgments, he yet resolves to rejoice in the mercy and goodness of God when all other comforts failed, ver. 16-19.

Z E P H A N I A H.

THE prophet denounces the wrath of God against Judah and Jerusalem for idolatry and apostacy; predicts terrible judgments coming upon sinners of different descriptions, ch. i.; exhorts them to repentance,

as the only way to avert the Divine vengeance, ch. ii. 1-3; prophecies against the Philistines, ver. 4-7; Moabites and Ammonites, ver. 8-11; Ethiopians, ver. 12, and Assyrians, ver. 13-15; sharply rebukes Jerusalem for various aggravated sins, ch. iii. 1-7; and predicts their future restoration, and ultimate prosperity under Messiah's reign, ver. 8-20.

H A G G A I.

THE prophet reproves the delay of the Jews in building the temple, and exhorts them to proceed, ch. i. 1-11; they obey the prophet's message, and receive encouragement from God, ver. 12-15; the prophet comforts the old men, who wept at the diminished magnificence of the second temple, by assuring them that its glory should be greater than that of the first, by the presence of the Messiah, ch. ii. 1-9; he shews that their sins had deprived them of God's blessing, and promises them fruitful harvests from that day forward, ver. 10-19; and predicts the prosperity of the Messiah's kingdom, under that of Zerubbabel, his ancestor and type, ver. 20-23.

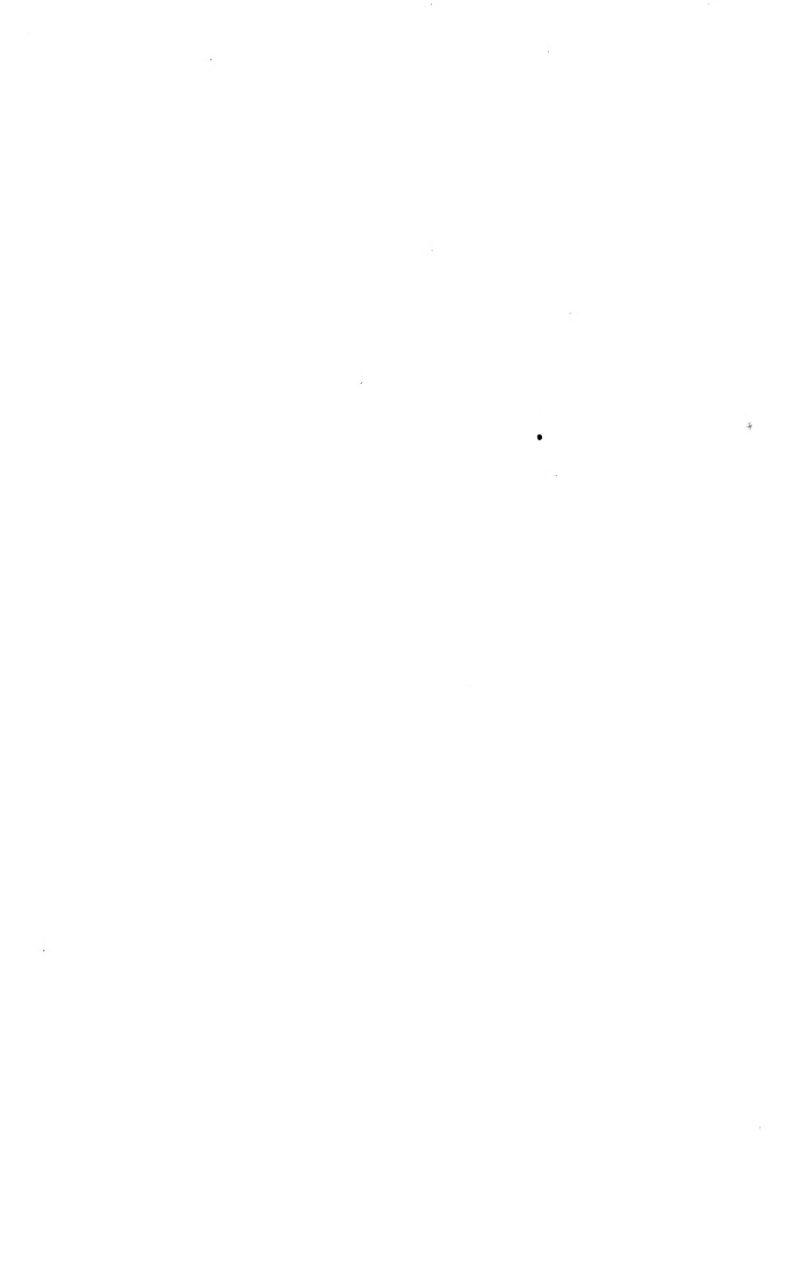
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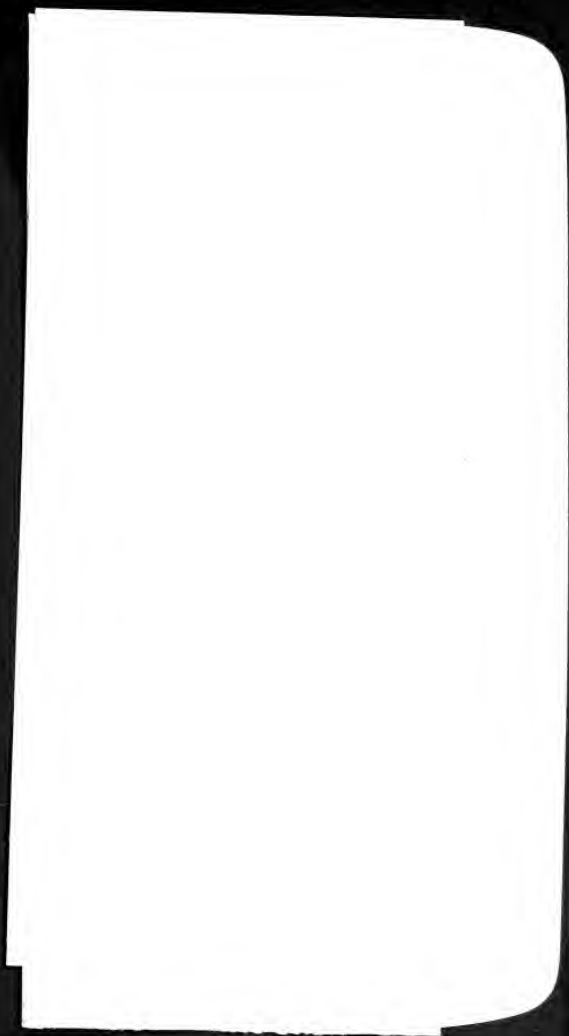
AFTER general warnings and exhortations to repentance, he foretells the completion of the temple, ch. i.; the rebuilding and prosperity of Jerusalem, and the cities of Judah, ch. ii. 1-5; the judgments of God upon Babylon, from which he admonishes the Jews to depart previous to its destruction, ver. 6-9; promising them the Divine presence, ver. 10-13; under a vision of Joshua the high-priest arrayed in new sacerdotal attire, he predicts the restoration of the temple and its service, ch. iii. 1-7; he sets forth the glory of Christ as the chief corner-stone, ver. 8-10: under the vision of the golden candlestick and two olive trees, he represents the success of Zerubbabel and Joshua in rebuilding the temple, and restoring its service, ch. iv.: by the vision of a flying roll and an ephah, he shews the judgments which would come on the wicked Jews, and the abject and oppressed state of the nation, after they had filled up the measure of their sins, ch. v.; by the vision of four chariots drawn by several sorts of horses, and by two crowns placed on Joshua's head, he sets forth primarily the re-establishment of the civil and religious polity of the Jews under Zerubbabel and Joshua, and secondarily and principally, the high priesthood and kingdom of Christ, called emphatically the *Branch*, ch. vi. Some Jews having been sent to Jerusalem from the exiles at Babylon, to enquire whether they were still bound to observe

fasts instituted on account of the destruction of that city, ch. vii. 1-3, the prophet is commanded to enforce upon them the weightier matters of the law, lest the same calamities befall them which were inflicted on their fathers, ver. 4-14; promising them, in the event of their obedience, the favour of God, ch. viii. 1-8; encouraging them to go on with the building, ver. 9-17; and permitting them to discontinue the observance of those fasts, ver. 18-23. The prophet then predicts the intermediate events which should happen to the surrounding nations and to the Jews, from the completion of the temple till the coming of Christ, with many intimations of the coming glory, ch. ix. x.; foretells the destruction of the temple, and the rejection of the Jews for their rejection of Christ, and other sins, ch. xi.; and predicts the preservation of Jerusalem against an invasion in the latter age, and the destruction of her enemies, ch. xii. 1-9; the conversion of the Jews to their crucified Messiah, ver. 10-14, ch. xiii.; the destruction of Jerusalem, and the judgments inflicted on the unbelieving Jews; the preservation of a remnant, and their conversion; the ruin of the nations that fought against her; the final peace and prosperity of Israel, ch. xiv.

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THE prophet reminds the Jews of the special favours which God had bestowed upon them, ch. i. 1-5; reproves them for not shewing due reverence to God, 6-10; threatening their rejection, and announcing the calling of the Gentiles, ver. 11; denounces the Divine judgments both upon people and priests for their disrespect to God in their sacrifices, 12-14, ch. ii. 1-10; and for their unlawful intermarriages, 11-17; foretells the coming of Christ and his harbinger John the Baptist, to purify the sons of Levi, and to smite the land with a curse, unless they all repented; reproving them for withholding their tithes and other oblations, and also for blasphemy: predicting the rewards and punishments, and enjoining the strict observance of the law, till the forerunner already promised should appear, in the spirit and power of Elijah, to introduce the Messiah, and the dispensation of the kingdom, ch. iii. 1, to iv. 6.





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